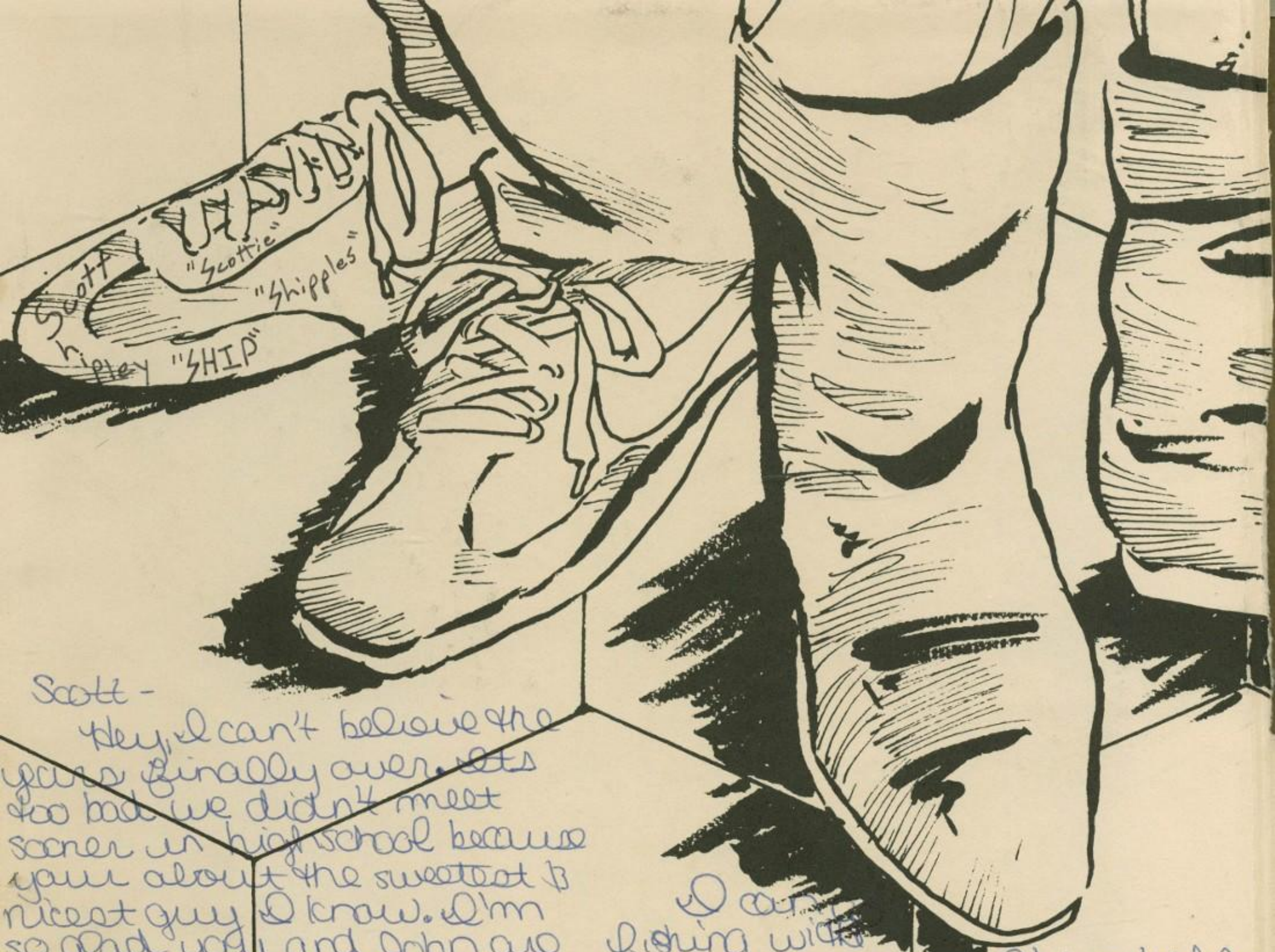


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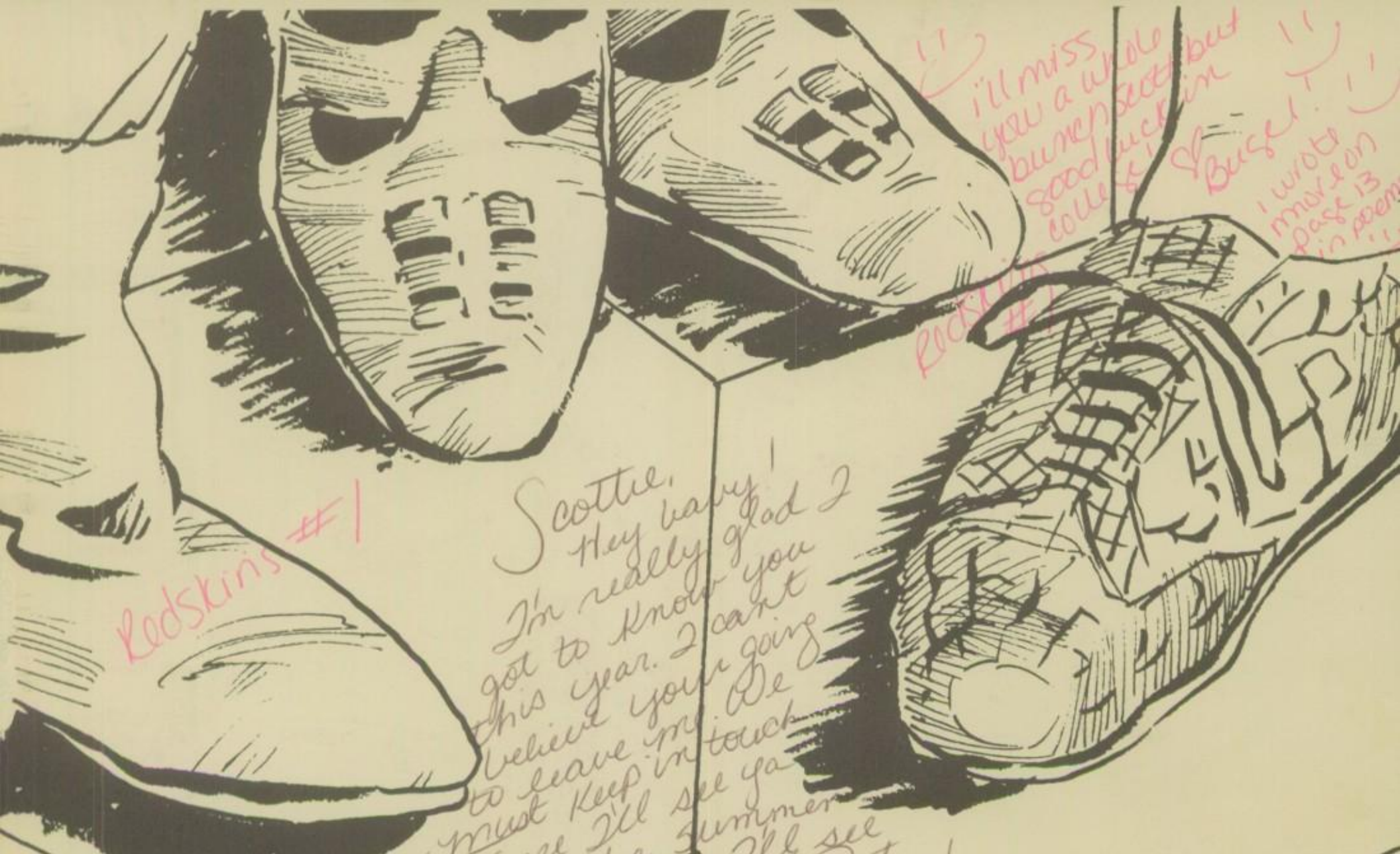


Scott -

Hey, I can't believe the year is finally over. It's too bad we didn't meet sooner in high school because you are about the sweetest & nicest guy I know. I'm so glad you and John are friends. I'm sorry you had to put up with me - maybe things would have worked out better if we weren't such good friends & had met sooner. You're such a good person, Scott - so take care of yourself at college. I'll never forget when you got me over the fence before the cops got me. You really saved me! Thanks also for riding me places during the snow. That must have been annoying to listen to me & John's fight but as you probably know - he can act really incompent sometimes. Maybe sometime

I can't fishing with you - maybe not, I'd probably lose your rod or drop your tackle box in! I'm going to miss you a lot because you can always make me laugh. Don't be a stranger when John leaves. It won't be the same without the phone ringing! Still call me & tell me when something's going on. You're like a second brother to me and I love ya lots - I won't write anything more sentimental cause I know you're a funny type of guy. Have a great summer (I'd better see you!) and a great college life! Love,

Amey Cook



Redskins #1

i'll miss you a whole bunch but good luck in college!
 Buckle up!
 i wrote more on page 13 in poem
 Redskins #1

Scottie,
Hey baby!
I'm really glad I
got to know you
this year. I can't
believe you're going
to leave me. We
must keep in touch.
I'm sure I'll see you
a lot over the summer.
Come and visit me! I'll see
you at Beach Week too. But
I'll miss you lots next year!
You're a great guy. Scottie, you've been a
great friend! Call me every day!
Have a Great Summer!
Love ya lots
Kristen C.

Scott -
I can't believe you're
not going to be here
next year. I'm especially
since Duke is going to
be starting next year. Now
I won't have anyone to yell
with. You're a great guy. Now
going to miss you so much.
It's too bad you don't like U2. This
I would love to visit from
summer but you have to come and
when you come back to college - you have to come and
visit me - I love you.
Love
Cathy



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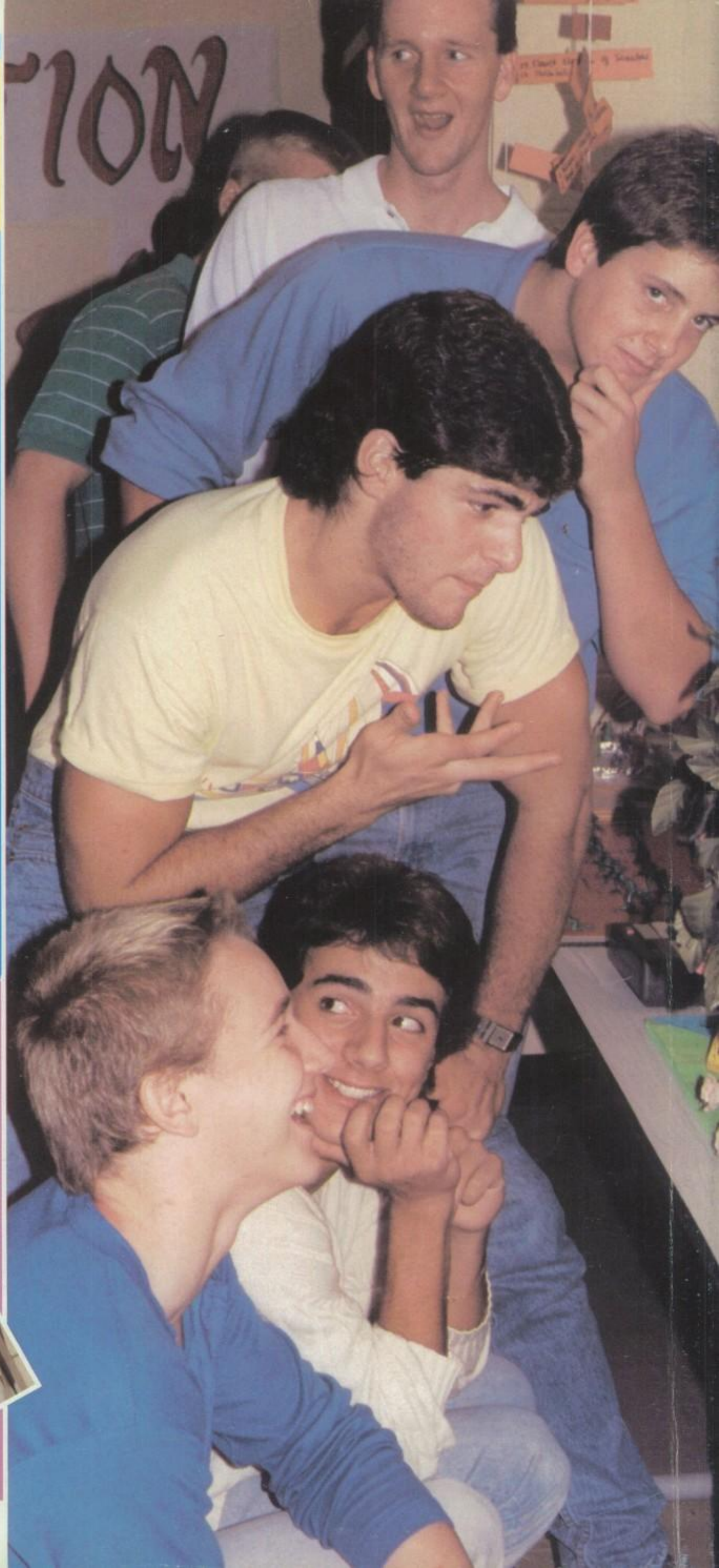
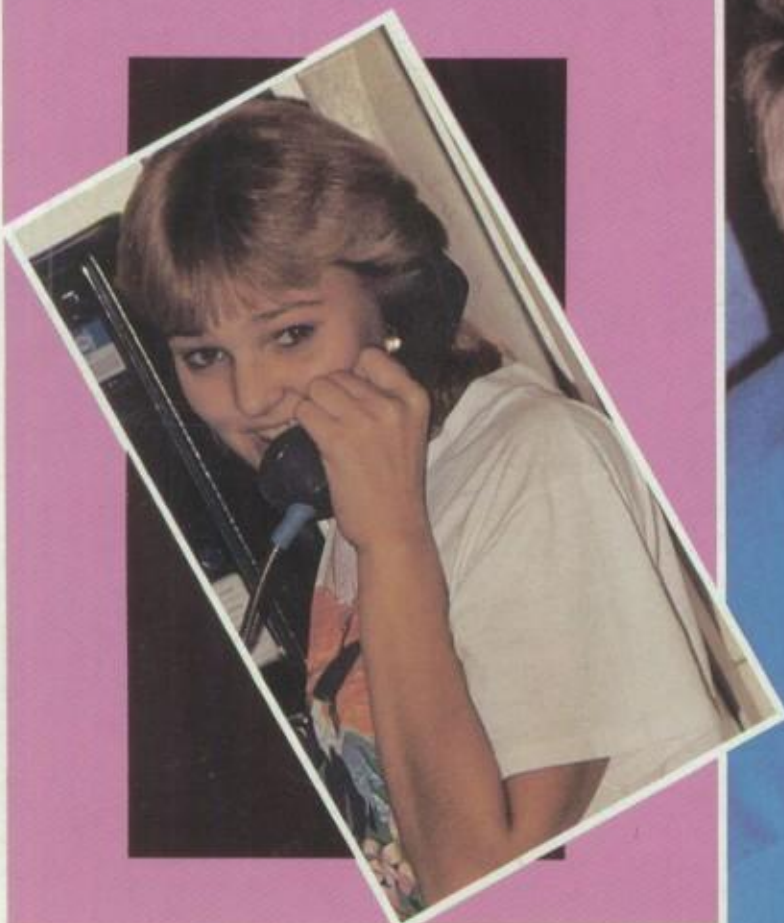
20 YEARS TOGETHER



Lisa Babounakis and Susan Foret relax while watching an Oakton golf match. The support of the spectators at these matches was greatly appreciated by the team, and will hopefully continue in further years. *Photo by Robert Dant*

Mark Walkup, Mike Lattig, George Maori, Alex Sirpus, and Gavin Hill contemplate the meaning of this interesting exhibit in Oakton Hall. During this exhibit Mr. Walter Addie's government classes displayed their three-dimensional representations of the US Constitution. *Photo By Robert Dant*

A senior is lucky to use one of the pay phones, which usually have long waiting lines during all three lunches. *Photo By Robert Dant*



On The Move

Oakton students slowed down from their summer cruising speed and abruptly whipped back into reality as the date September 2, 1986 rang in their ears. School had begun. The last chance to buy back-to-school supplies had passed and all that a Cougar had time to do was sharpen his claws and give a short growl before taking his first step back from the wonderful days of summer.

However, school activities began long before classes. As early as the beginning of August one could find a teacher brightening her room with a hanging plant. Student Government members planning Freshman Orientation, athletic teams conditioning for the coming season, and the band perfecting a new fight song.



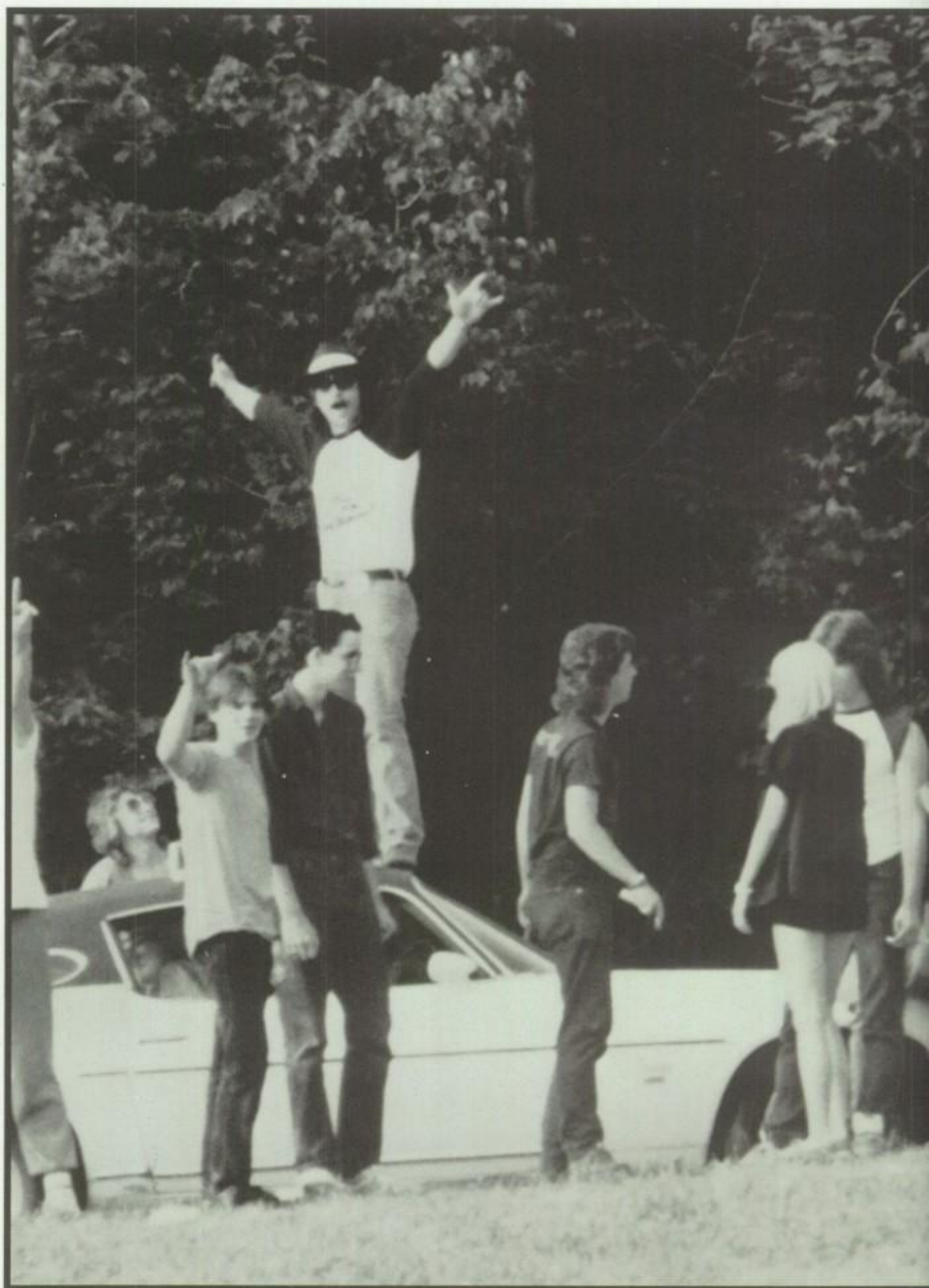
The Vienna Metro station, which opened in June 1986, is a major source of transportation into Washington for many students and families. *Photo By Steve Thrash*

A few very noticeable changes had taken place at Oakton. For instance, the old mural of lockers in an extended hallway was back in the main hall, the school was receiving a paint job, there was a new fifteen minute break incorporated into the school day schedule, and most of all, there were more parking spaces!

Despite the many changes and improvements made, no one had accounted for the extra two hundred students who transferred into Oakton and many classmates were affected with a major schedule change made to accomodate the newcomers.

Soon, Cougars began to enjoy the school year. Upperclassmen exercised their rights, and chuckled as a few incoming ninth graders headed face first into the famous illusioning mural. Once familiar with Cougar Country, we were ready to catch a bit of cougar spirit.

The football team made sure that all of the northern district found out just how strong our spirit was. They defeated the Chantilly Chargers. With close to 8,000 spectators came up the Cougar-paw-path to witness the team crush our long time rival, Madison. The Warhawks just couldn't keep up with the fast paced Cougars and as the clock on the scoreboard struck "0:00" fans poured out of the stands congratulating the mighty Cougars for a job well done. Cougar spirit was in the air and easy to capture. It was obvious that Oakton was involved and **on the move** from the very beginning of the year. Our spirit and vitality made 1986 and 87 one of our finest years ever. Our greatest asset was our diversity. With so many individuals accomplished in academics, sports, and other personal achievements, the Cougars were definitely on the way up and . . . **on the move** ! *Written by Marie Theriault*



Summer



Events



Spirit

STUDENT LIFE



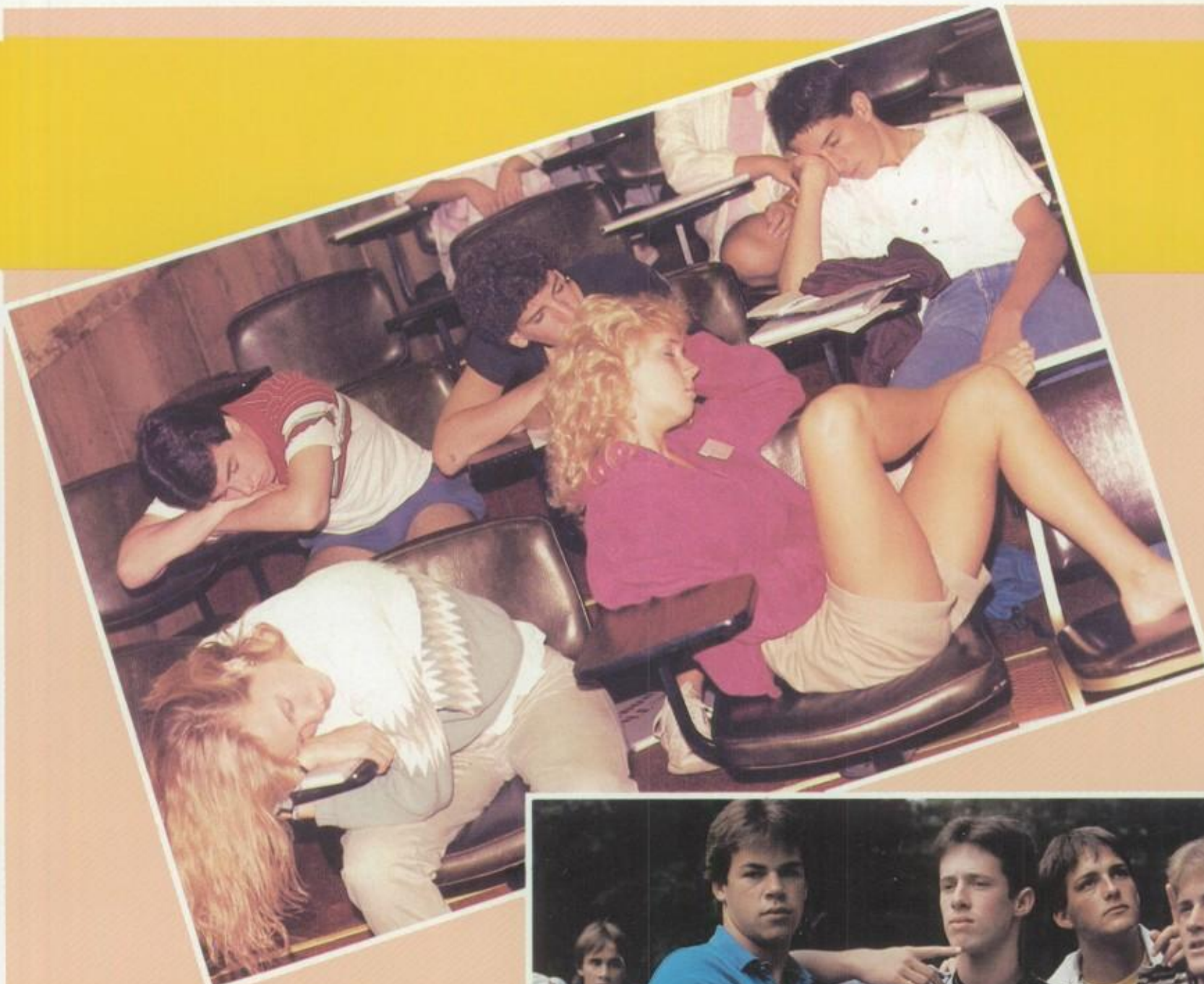
The "fun life": everything students do in between the hurried hustle and bustle of the academic aspects of school and the seemingly endless hours of homework. Activities revolve around arrangements underclassmen make to get to the mall and agreements between upperclassmen as to who will drive to the "major" party on Saturday night. Student life is what goes on in the stands at games, in the audience at performances, and in the committees at fundraisers. The after hours also include working to earn money for that special car or to pay for the gas it guzzles up. Traveling to Ocean City for "Beach Week" after Graduation is also an integral part of student life.

It can be said with veracity that OHS stays **on the move**.
written by Steve Schwartz, Amy Jones, and Cathy Knicely.

The corner people arrive early to get a choice parking space and spend a few before school moments with friends. *Photo by Chris Reed*



 Dreams



Paragon staff members Amy Jones, Kim Mullins, Steve Thrash, Steve Schwartz, and Jonathan Wichlacz after an all nighter learning yearbook layout techniques, sleep at the lecture hall during break at Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. Photo By Rex Vaughn



At Lake Champion near Glen Spey, New York. Mark Devito, Mike Phalen and Kip Wilkowski ponder the thought of rest after five nights with out sleep.

Freshman and JV Cheerleaders smile joyfully after a blue ribbon performance at Hood College. Photo By Paige Ellison.



Are You Ready?

At Saranac, in Upper New York, Young Life girls prepared for their volleyball tournament one of many activities of the week.
Photo by Loraine Groves



Dripping sweat, sticky bodies, flustered expressions, dinner in the mess hall ... classic characteristics of a summer camp. This didn't include the laid back student sprawled on the beach. This included the ones who stayed home and worked, practicing, learning, and attending seminars, all with the underlying key of self improvement. Oakton's year was destined for improvement by people **on the move**

The yearbook staff ended the summer by catching a coach bus to a seminar held at Seven Springs Ski Resort near Somerset, Pennsylvania. Numerous lectures were given, highlighting every angle of our yearbook. On the other hand, Young Life attended two different camps, Saranac and Lake Champion. Camper **Andrew Thompson** remembered, "It was the highlight of my summer."

Sports teams also attended camps of different source. Field hockey conditioned and competed in tournaments at James Madison, while the basketball team visited Elon College in N.C. The drill team attended a Superstar Camp at GMU and brought home a Sweepstakes award, along with four other awards. The J.V. and Freshmen cheerleaders went to Hood College, winning the prestigious Spirit Stick award. In Orkney Springs, the band marched their way through formations for the upcoming football season. The summer camp season was best summed up by senior **Cathy Murphy**, "I've never worked so hard but had so much fun before."

Written by Kim Mullins and David Cho



The Drill Team prepare themselves for a contagion on Home Routine Evaluation night, at Superstar Drill Team Camp. They won many awards, at George Mason University, in July.
Photo by Cathy Murphy

Fun in the Sun



Making the Most of Three Months of Freedom

With the '87 school year on the way, excitement of the past summer still preoccupied students' minds.

A lot of students worked over the summer for extra cash. Some traveled to the beach and basked in the sun. Others, like **Bruce Cox** took to the waves on their slalom water ski. A few students went to summer school to further their education.

Of course there was "Beach Week 86." For many it was a never ending party to "live it up" after a long, excruciating school year. "Beachweek was great. Maybe this year we won't be called the *Eviction Queens*," commented **Julie Johnson**. A popular sight at the beach were pyramids. Some par-

tiers made their pyramids out of empty cans, and others enjoyed making them out of humans.

Another event this summer was Young Life's trips to Saranac and Lake Champion. "It was great. A time to make friends and to grow closer. The best time of my life," said **Sara Vaughan**.

Those who went to summer school had to cut their vacation short. For those in the A.M. classes it was up early five mornings each week, and home by lunch. The P.M. classes offered plenty of time to sleep in and home in time for General Hospital. "Summer school was the worst thing that ever happened to me. I definitely feel 20 minutes wasn't

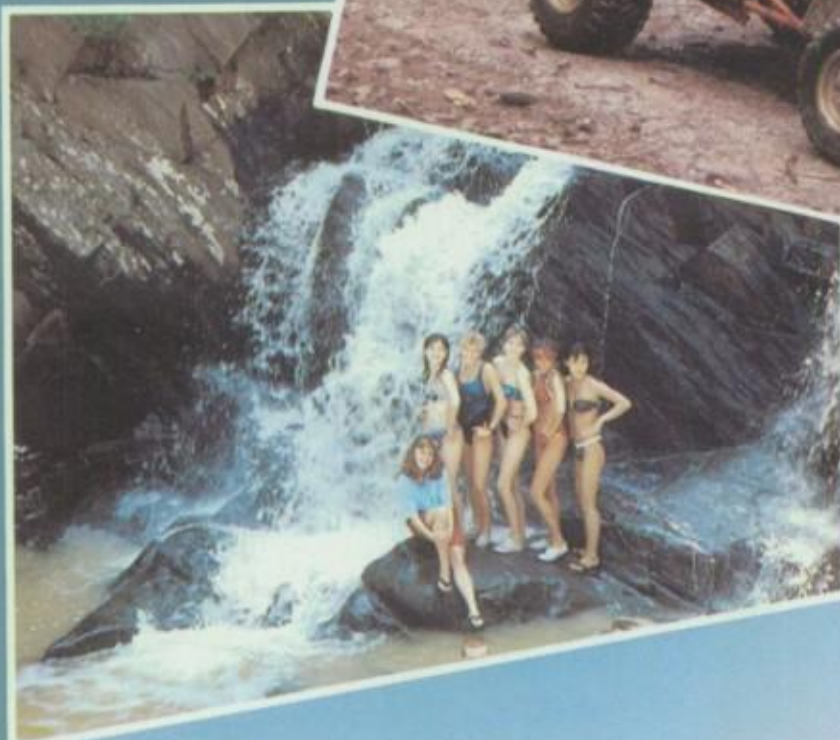
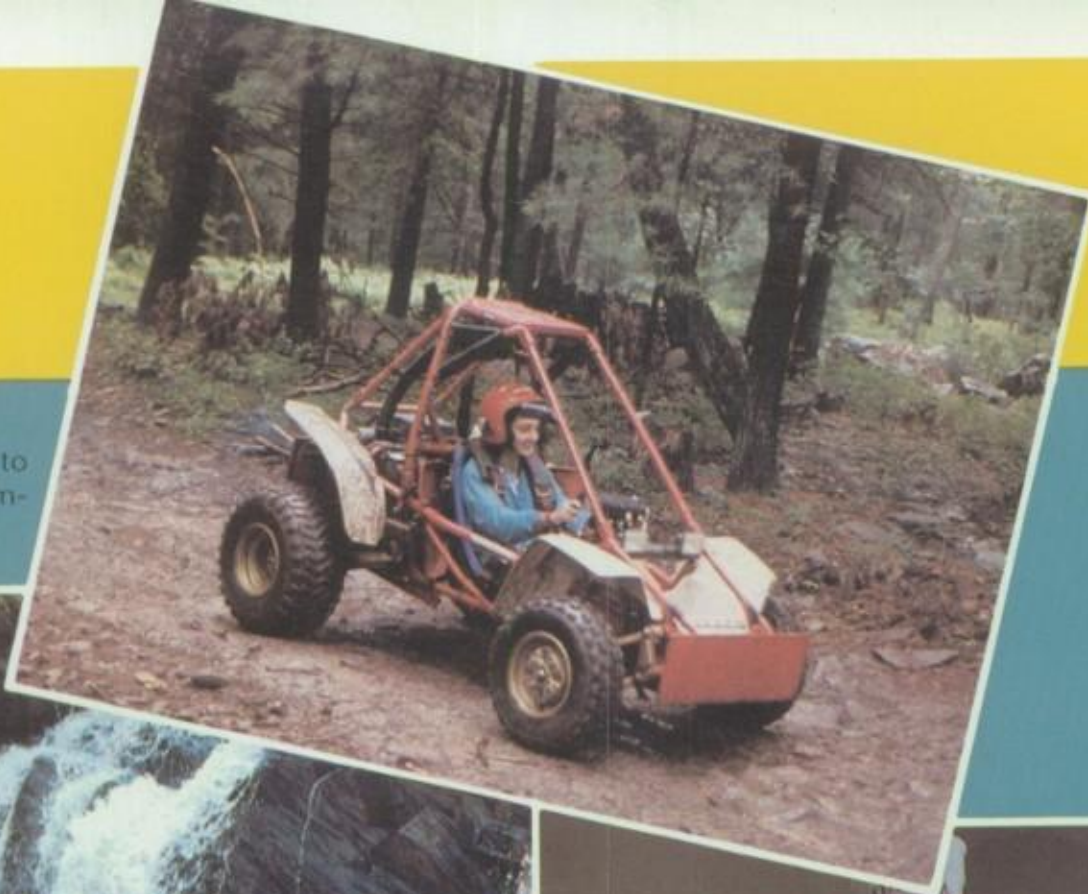
enough for lunch," said **Jen Gormley**.

Admittedly there were some boring summer nights. Seeing movies for the second time and the occasional night home with the folks, filled up some of the time. Some students (would you believe) became so bored they wanted school to start again! Many found bowling to be a fun way to pass time with friends.

Realizing school would be starting again soon, many headed to the beach for that last bit of sun. Some got a jump on buying school supplies, and a few of the lucky graduates decided to take a year off.

Written by Michelle Clarke

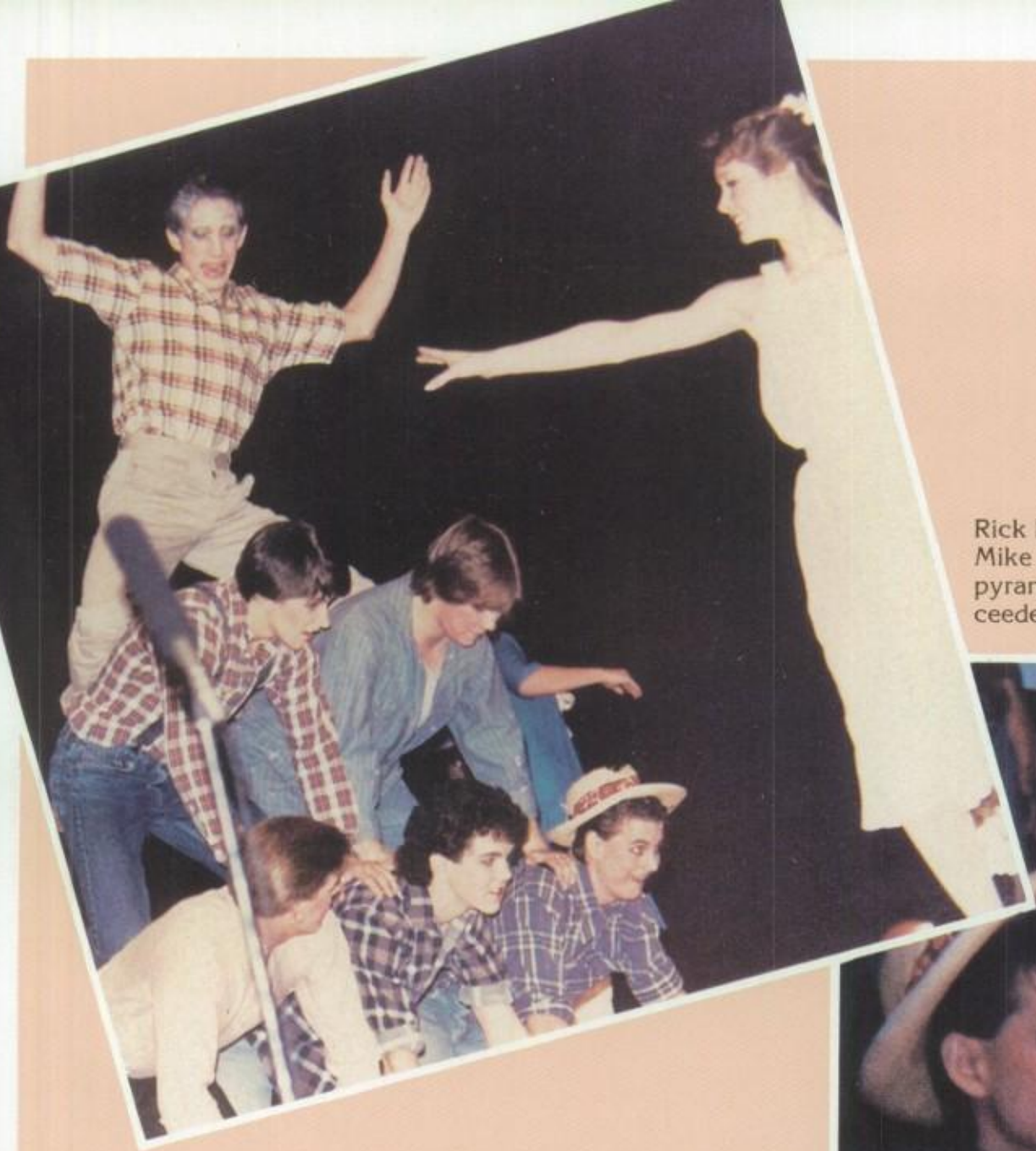
Jen Martini pulls up in a dune buggy to Lake Champion for a campaigners summer excursion. Photo by Rex Vaughn



These Oakton girls spend time in the sun building pyramids at the beach. The evenings, however, usually brought much more exciting activities.



Young Lifers pose for the photographer on an Ocean City weekend.



Rick Fitzgerald, Rob Kemper, Charlie Packer, Troy Miller, Mike King and Darin Dunstun find building a human pyramid much easier than learning the dance that proceeded it. Photo by Rex Vaughn



A Leprechaun's Dilemma

Finian's Rainbow, the spring musical performed May 7-10, was "... great... a lot of fun," stated **Mike King** now a sophomore, who was part of Finian's cast. It was obvious the cast had worked hard.

The full company of Finian's was one of the largest **Mrs. Perrino**, Oakton's Drama teacher, had worked with. **Ms. Laura Venier**, helped **Ms. Denise Perrino** direct the cast of twenty-five, which met two and a half hours a day, five days a week.

The chorus, thirty-seven students, was directed by **Ms. Shannon Vergot**, an '85

graduate of Oakton. A thirty-three member stage crew was managed by **Laura Gosling**. The orchestra, thirty musicians, was directed by **Ms. Cheryl Newton**.

"The energy between the cast was fantastic!" commented one Oakton

"It was a theatrical experience I'll never forget," said Scott Farthing.

student. "**Cory Haydon's** (Sharon) beautiful voice captivated the audience throughout the show," stated senior **David Fields**. The audience enjoyed it, and many people returned to see the play for a second time. Most importantly, however, everyone who performed agreed it was a lot of fun. **Scott Farthing**, who played the piano for rehearsals, best explained his feelings "... I thought certain electric moments really uplifted me as a performer; it was a theatrical experience I'll never forget."

Written by Tisa Gorzynski



Tara Lofstrom and good friend Heather Oughtan, help each other prepare for the performance that night. *Photo by Tisa Gorzynski*

CAST LIST

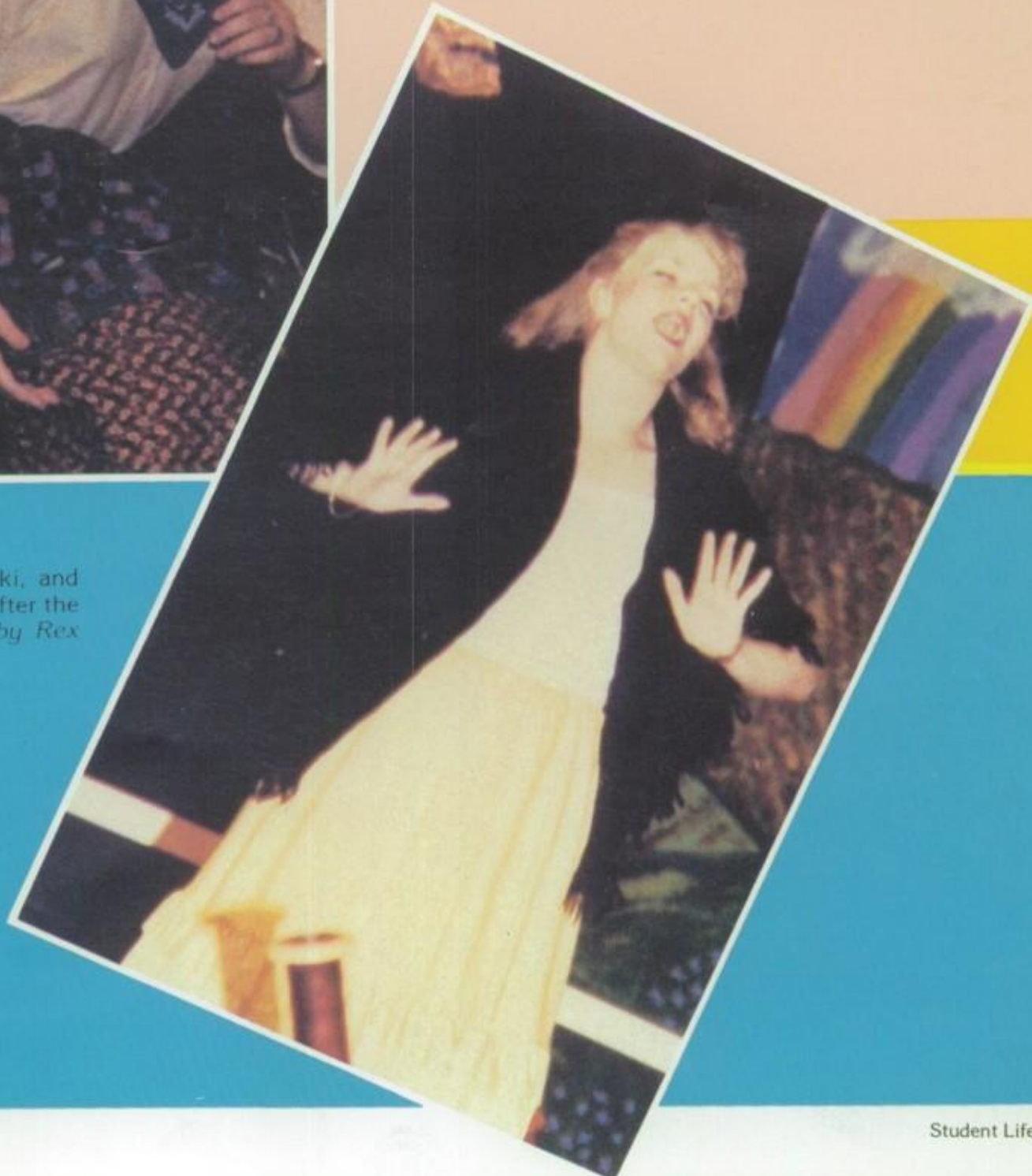
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 OG (a leprechaun)
 Helen Sydney
 Rawkins
 First Geologist
 Second Geologist
 Dianne
 Jane
 John (the preacher)
 Ms Shears
 Ms Robust
 First Deputy
 Second Deputy
 Third Deputy

Rob Kemper
 Shannon Kemp
 Chip Haas
 Jennifer Dykes
 Darin Duston
 Bridget Lacey
 Nikki Berg
 Merideth Vickery
 Rick Fitzgerald
 Cory Haydon
 Troy Miller
 Robin Sayers
 Tom Witherspoon
 Merritt Billboard
 David Rizzo
 Tiffany Babbitt
 Hillary Root
 Susie Strong
 Dawn Olmstead
 Scott Farthing
 Kate Witherspoon
 Lisa Derryberry
 Dennis O'Callahan
 Charlie Post
 Jeff Kovatchitch



Darin Dunson, Korin Moren, Tisa Gorzynski, and Ruth Studebaker sit down on the "hillside" after the opening song "Woody's Comin'". *Photo by Rex Vaughn*

Sharon, Cory Haydon, sings with energy a tale of her homeland- Glocca Morra, Ireland. *Photo by Rex Vaughn*



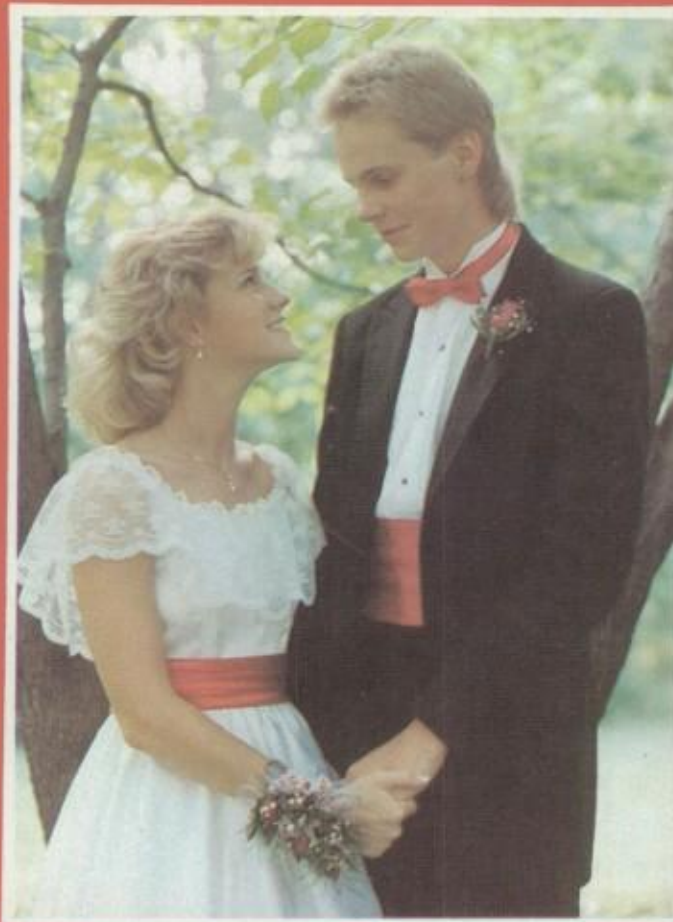
Two Tickets To Paradise

Red and white balloons, whispers of taffeta, the soft scuffing of new shoes, and flickering candlelight about enveloped 500 people as they moved in rhythm with the music. Prom '86 had romanced its way, like a swirl of smoke, into the hearts of many.

Held at the Twin Bridges Marriott, the class of 1987 was to be commended for their fantasy-land decorations and delicious buffet of tempting hors-d'oeuvres. Their theme "Two Tickets to Paradise" was definitely displayed every where the eye turned, heaven personified.

As the band Oz played, the couples were pleasantly surprised as the realization hit them: those were their friends dramatically dressed and spiffed up.

Many preparations went on way before the big date, May 17, actually arrived. Guys had the hard part of asking a girl with the possibility of being rejected. Once their invitation had been accepted, they made dinner reservations and maybe even a limo or a repicar. Some popular restaurants to eat at were "Top of the Town", "The View", or some intimate, cozy French cafe. Most of the limosines came complete with



Lisa Gawen and Mike Shimp grab the chance to admire each other one more time before leaving for Prom.

televisions and/or complete stocks of beverages. Then they rented a tuxedo, usually with a matching cummerbund and

bowtie, chosen from an assortment of vibrant colors.

Girls, once asked, rushed to get the "perfect" dress. As **Christy Smith** said, "I didn't want a dress like anybody else's. That's why I looked in smaller shops." Then they matched jewelry, shoes, and the works.

When the prom date arrived, rushing guys and flustered girls primped and prepared, then felt like movie stars ... especially with the snapping cameras of millions, first mom, then dad, then the neighbor four doors down the street.

Once at the hotel, couples danced the night away, later either going to watch the sunrise on Skyline Drive or sip champagne with an invigorating breakfast. Curfews, if any were extended beyond bound, some people arriving home at seven ad eight o'clock the next evening. Prom basically could be summed up by **Marie Theriault**, "I'll always remember the great time I had with my friends ..."

Written by Kim Mullins

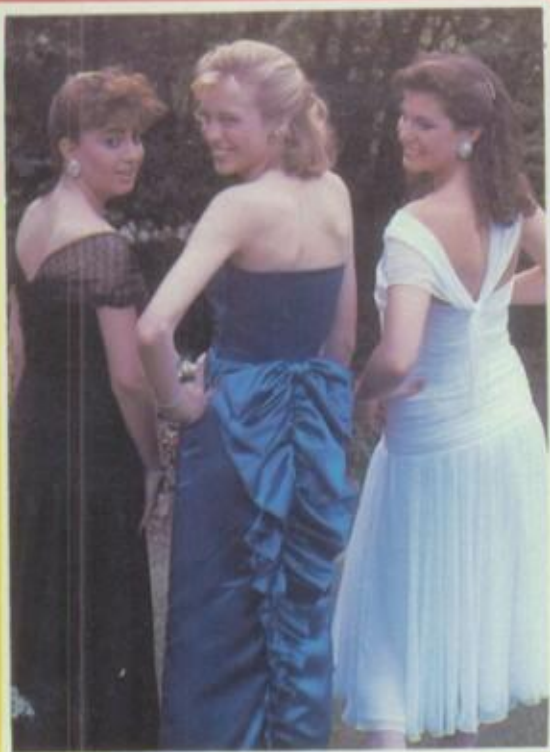


Kip Wilkowski and Kim Stallings don traditional Prom attire while they give their parents memories.

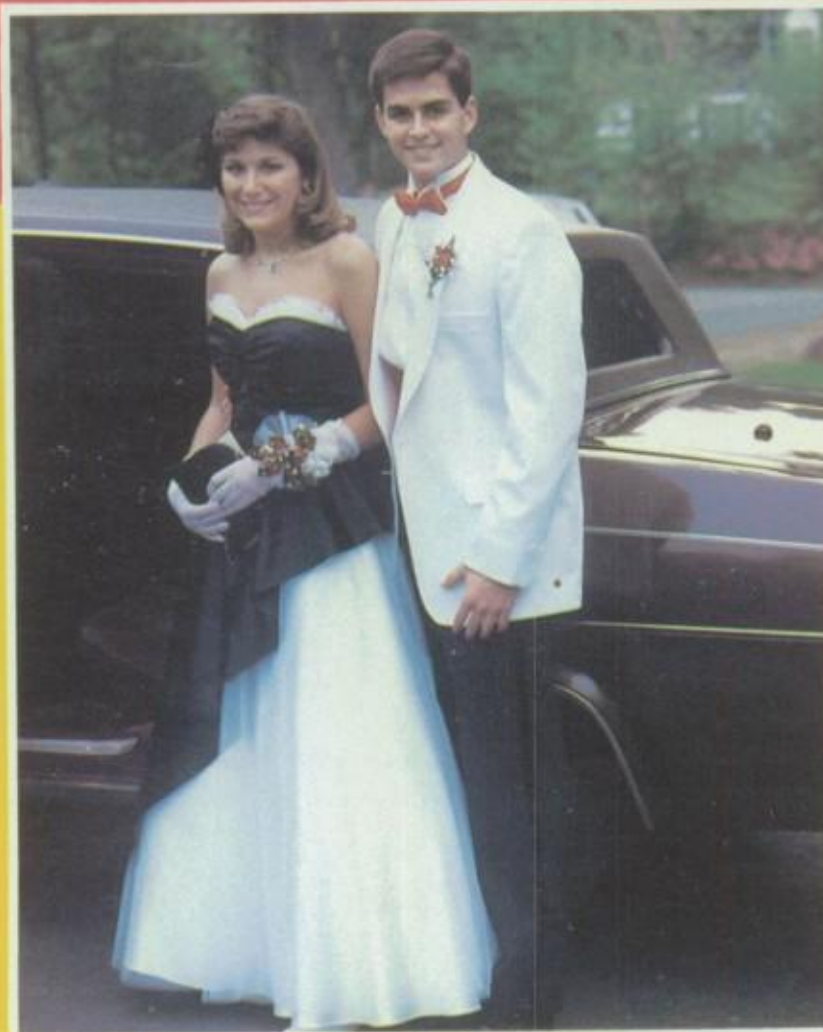
Bobby Mulkey, Sally Engel, Mark Parios, Stacy Gerhart, Sheryl Dove, Bruce Cox, Kristen Clegg, and Chris Beckwith go through the pictorial ritual before going to the Prom.



Chris Medlin, Vicki McPeters, Jon Swanson, and Kristen Wyte pose for one more picture for later memories.



Martita Wyatt, Amy Jones and Jen Brown do double takes to see what is keeping their escorts from joining them. Photo by Wm. Jones



Pam Scharrer, one of this years Paragon editors, and her escort Fred Kacher, an 86 graduate, now at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, prepare to leave for the Prom. Like many, they hired a limousine to avoid the hassel of traffic. Photo by Marianne Scharrer

Miss Oakton 1986

Tough Competition; Much Talent

The stage looked like a scene from the play "Pippin" as 23 girls (3 Freshman, 6 Sophomores, 6 Juniors and 8 Seniors) opened the 1986 Miss Oakton Pageant with a dance routine to "Magic to Do", from "Pippin."

The magic continued through the night. Wearing their own choice of casual dress, each girl was judged on poise and appearance as she introduced herself. Next the girls appeared on stage wearing sports outfits. These reflected individual interests and a sense of humor was definitely displayed. From **Helen Ailsworth's** roller derby outfit to **Jennifer Browns's** interpretation of a professional shopper, the creativity of the contestants seemed unlimited. **Mr. Michael Duffner**, master of ceremonies, entertained the crowd with his humor between events.

The most important segment of the program was the talent competition. Earlier in the week, each contestant had been judged while performing her talent. The top six girls, **Amy Cook, Ji Kong, Kelly Sullivan, Michelle Giaquinto, Cory Haydon, and Bridget Lacey** were chosen to perform on Saturday night. With exceptional poise, they dazzled the audience until it was time for intermission.

During the second half of the pageant, the contestants wore formal dresses. Again, they performed a dance routine and were joined by their escorts to the tune of "Love Theme" from St. Elmo's Fire. The selection of the semifinalists was then announced. The eight happy girls were: **Amy Cook, Cory Haydon, Bridget Lacey, Betty Lee, Joely Kolach, Ji Kong, Karen Wheatley and Kelly Sullivan**. They were asked situational questions and each replied with ease and honesty. During an encore singing performance by **Sharon Alley**, Miss Oakton 1984-1985, the five judges made their final decision. **Cory Haydon** beamed as she was awarded second runner up. The first runner up, freshman **Kelly Sullivan**, swept the show by capturing a special award for talent, as well as one for poise and appearance. The climax of the evening arrived, as senior **Ji Kong** was crowned Miss Oakton 1985-1986. **Heather Drascovic**, who organized the pageant, summed it up . . . "Although it was a lot of work, I think most would agree the pageant went very well."

Written by Amy Jones

The Competition was tough, but Ji Kong threw a brilliant smile to the audience after becoming Miss Oakton.





Amy Cook, Karen Wheatley, Betty Lee, and Ji Kong, after becoming finalists, patiently await the judges results.



Erin Thomas, senior, and her sister Jennifer Thomas, sophomore, both spent a lot of time choosing just the right dress for the competition. Photo courtesy of Erin Thomas.

Miss Oakton contestants perform their opening dance routine in color coordinated T-shirts.





The show was topped off with a very well choreographed number, to the tune of "Leggs". Photo by Robert Dant

Impression Obsession

It was a dark evening on April 26, 1986. Thick fog, and mystery lurked in the air. As trumpets sounded, the search began. The floodlights searching for one, no, two men in black trenchcoats.

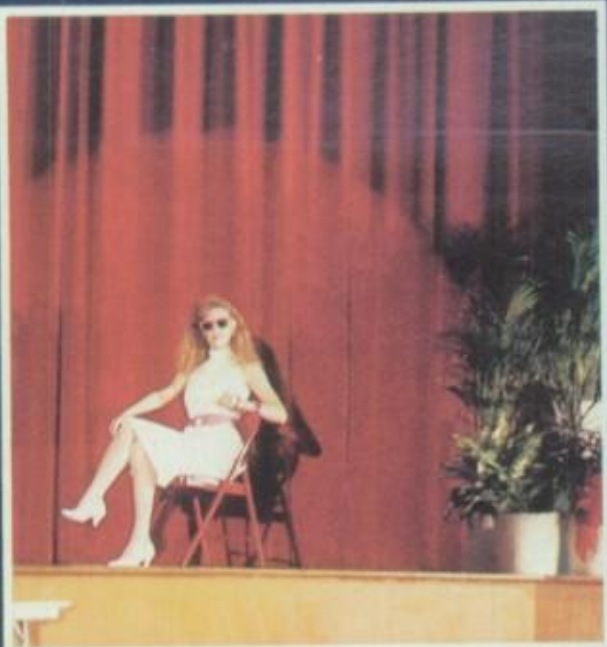
The lights followed the men to a foggy stage where suddenly mystery men, **Terry McFarland** and **Tom Lagomarsino** appeared. Beneath their trenchcoat they unveiled the latest in bold, bright fashions for men. This was the beginning of DECA's Spring/Summer fashion show, *Impression Obsession*.

The trends for the season portrayed prints, safari brights, black and white and the red, white and blue (a salute to Lady Liberty).

A favorite of the audience was the Body Conscious scene in which **Angie Bugel**, **Stacy Gerhart**, **Allison Jett** and **Heather Phillips** dazzled the audience in sleek fitting outfits. The grand finale was illuminated with the best in prom attire from special guest model, **Mr. Mike Duffner**.

In order to put on a professional-looking production, the students did a considerable amount of planning for every detail of the show. This included setting up meetings with Woodie's, David's Village Shop, and Velocity, scheduling, fittings, obtaining props, and selecting the music and lighting.

Final touches were completed by a professional hairstylist from Accents Studio in Vienna and a cosmetologist from Oakton. The models were required to attend rehearsals. There they were taught the proper way to walk and to turn on the runways and the choreography. **Tiffany Miller** said, "It was a good experience for all fashion and marketing students and overall a good time." Through the coordination of the fashion merchandising teacher **Ellen MacDaniel**, the student coordinator **Terry McFarland** and the cooperation of all the students the show was a huge success. Written by **Terry McFarland** and **Tracy Lansdown**.



Heather Phillips looks like a professional as she poses perfectly in the "Body Conscious" scene.

Photo by Robert Dant



David Gibson gracefully escorts Tracy Lansdown wearing the latest in prom attire. David's Village Shops and Master's Tuxedo provided Oakton with much of the evening wear.

Photo by Robert Dant

Michelle Waters' and Terry McFarland's faces resemble their clothes . . . bright and bold.

Photo By Robert Dant





Coast Sullenger and Paul Hoffman take a turn for the worse on a jump, and end up clinging to a large tree trunk miles away from the main slopes.

Unlike some students, juniors Jennifer Hale, Beth Cates, Lisa Babounakus and Lynn Bienkowski are all smiles about the 17-hour bus trip to Sugarbush, VT.



Pam Scharrer, Michelle Clarke, Cindy Burrowes, Julie Diehl, Melinda Carter and Chris Lipp pose for a picture before braving the cold skiing conditions at Sugarbush in January.

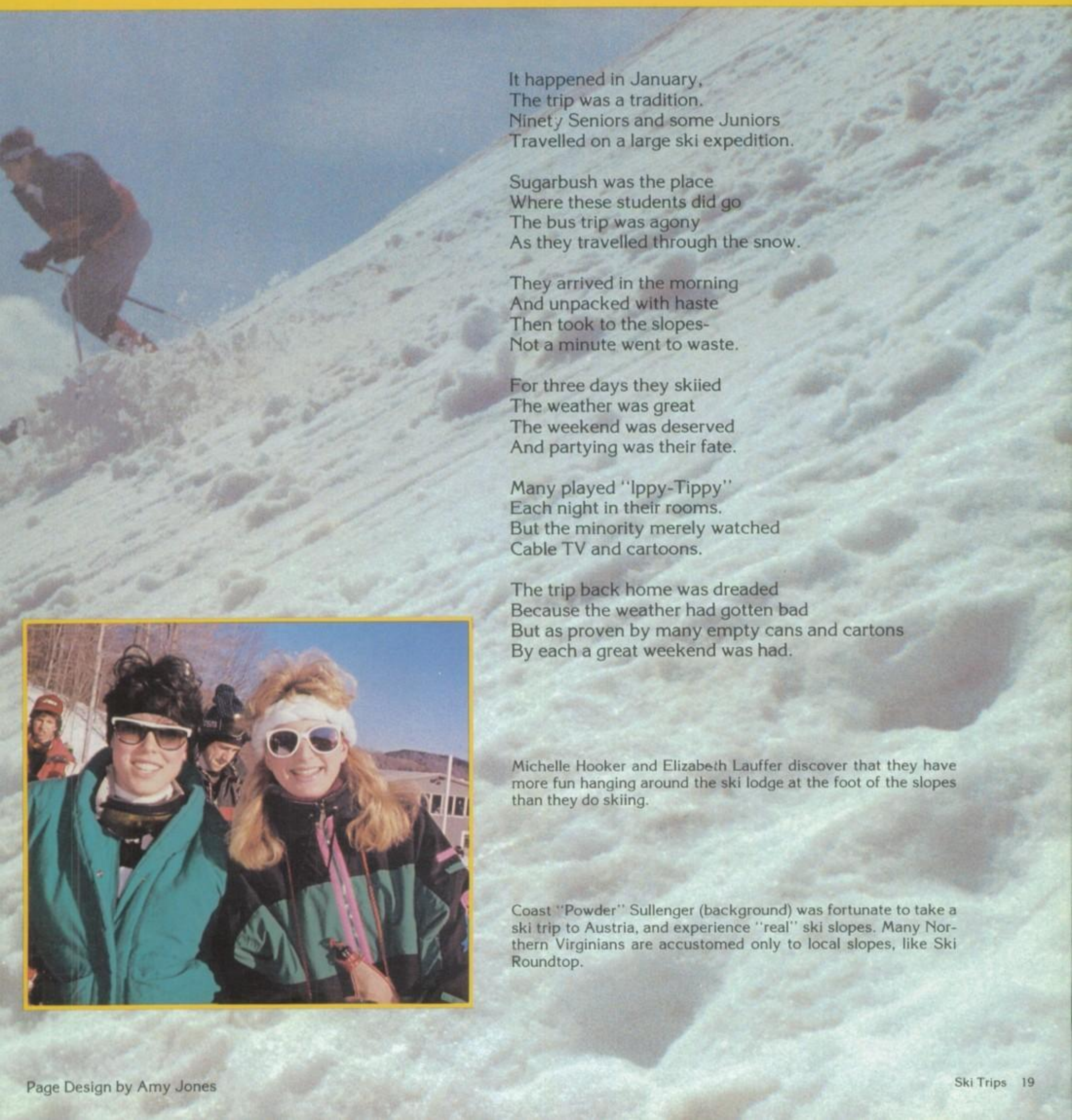
Junior "ski-buff" Pat Lynch sits horrified on the Bunny Hill, realizing for the first time that the ski lift only runs to the top of the slope.





Lisa Fortunato learned a little bit too late on the ski trip to Sugarbush that skiing isn't as easy as it looks!

Skiiers Celebrate the Season



It happened in January,
The trip was a tradition.
Ninety Seniors and some Juniors
Travelled on a large ski expedition.

Sugarbush was the place
Where these students did go
The bus trip was agony
As they travelled through the snow.

They arrived in the morning
And unpacked with haste
Then took to the slopes-
Not a minute went to waste.

For three days they skied
The weather was great
The weekend was deserved
And partying was their fate.

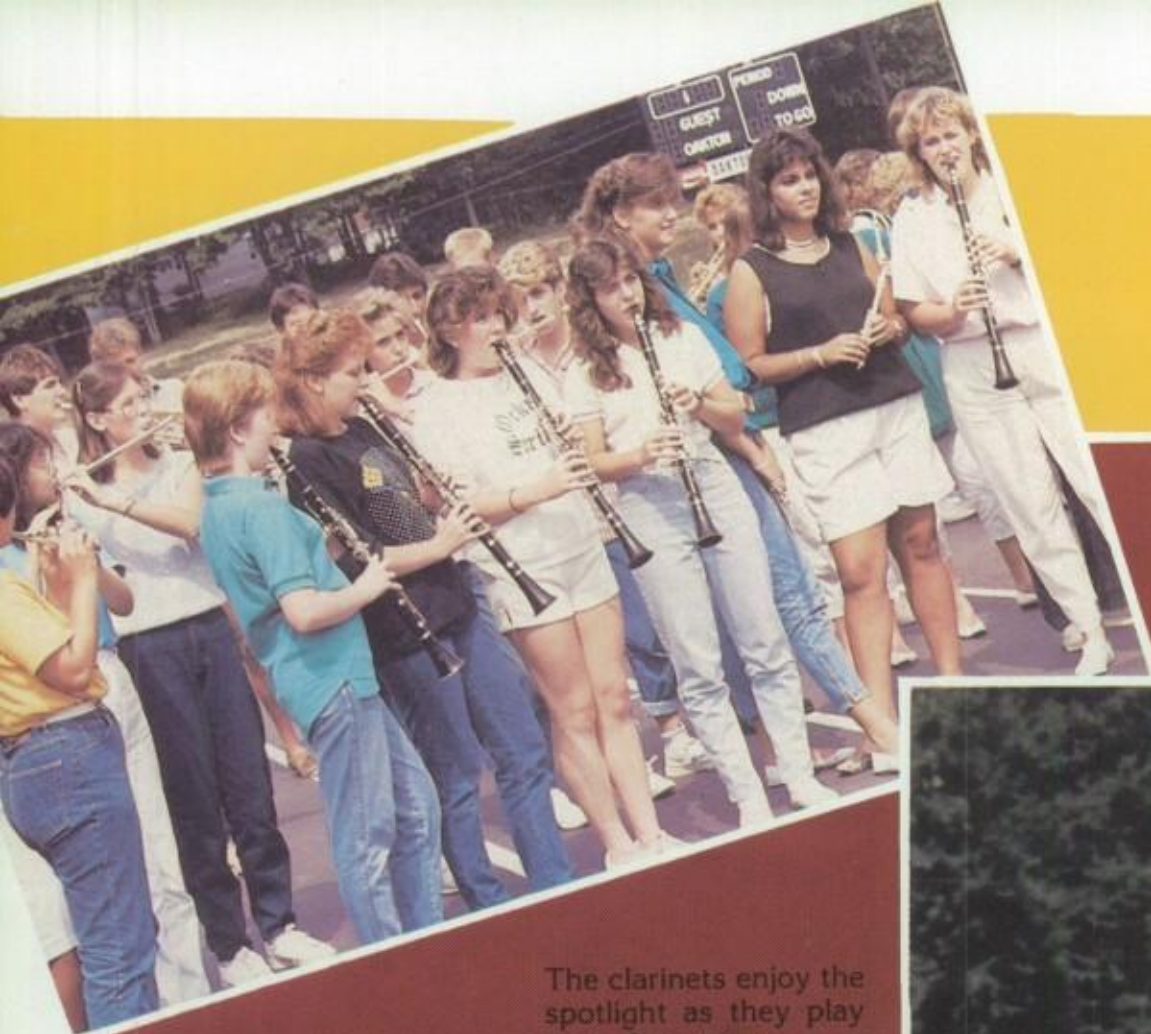
Many played "lppy-Tippy"
Each night in their rooms.
But the minority merely watched
Cable TV and cartoons.

The trip back home was dreaded
Because the weather had gotten bad
But as proven by many empty cans and cartons
By each a great weekend was had.

Michelle Hooker and Elizabeth Lauffer discover that they have
more fun hanging around the ski lodge at the foot of the slopes
than they do skiing.

Coast "Powder" Sullenger (background) was fortunate to take a
ski trip to Austria, and experience "real" ski slopes. Many Nor-
thern Virginians are accustomed only to local slopes, like Ski
Roundtop.





The clarinets enjoy the spotlight as they play their favorite song at the pep rally. *Photo by Robert Dant*

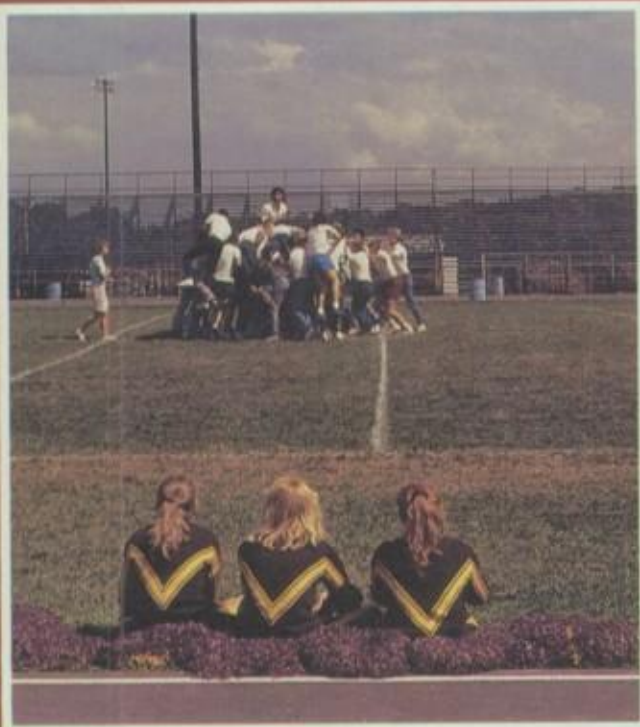


Mr. Jim Alexander, the coach of the cross-country team, calls out the names with pride for their excellent season. *Photo By David Cho*

Cougars applause thunders as principal, Mrs. Thomas speaks to pep up the crowd. *Photo by David Cho*



SPIRITED SUPPORT



Attendance and spirit were up and **on the move** at pep rallies this year. A swarming stream of people followed up the Cougar paw path and gathered in the bleachers.

The Cheerleaders, Drill Team, Student Government, and administrators worked hard to present a spirit inducing show.

Students sat with their respective classes and tried to out cheer their peers. The Seniors made

themselves known by doing "people waves" in the bleachers, led most often by **Mike Valliere**.

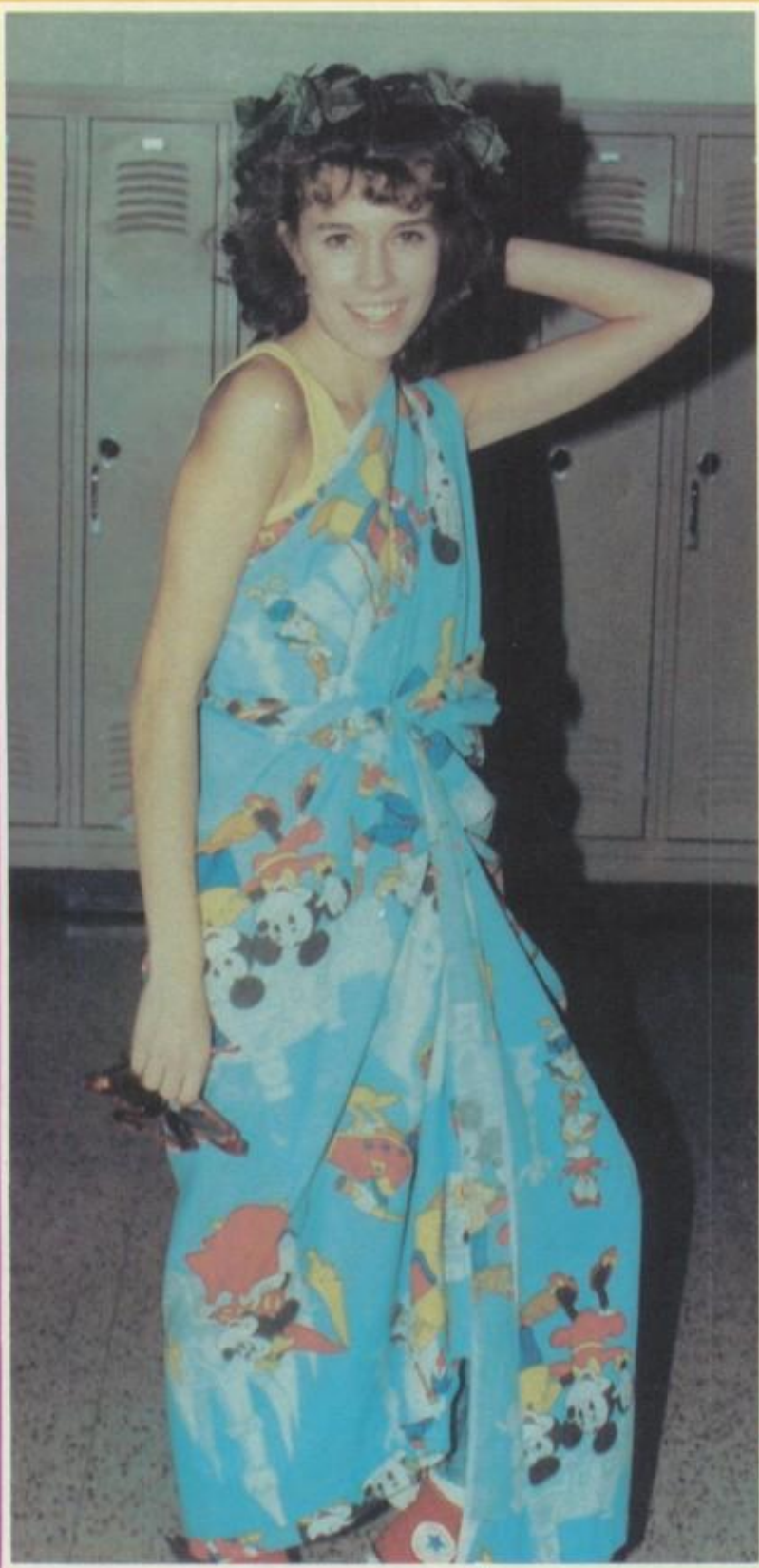
Members of the fall sports teams were introduced amidst loud applause. The crowd was especially excited as the Varsity Football team was introduced.

The fall pep rallies were full of life, inspired by the winning seasons of the athletic teams. *Written by Cathy Knicely*

The Varsity football team throws a mad dog pile up during the fall pep rally. Oakton is ready for the Districts Championship with T. C. Williams. *Photo By David Cho*

Becky Thomas and Jennifer Wrynn show their support for their favorite football players at the final pep rally. *Photo By Robert Dant*





Elizabeth Jordan models her stylish Mickey Mouse toga as she relives the age of ancient Romans.

Students hang out in the hallway discussing their plans for the Homecoming game.

Joan Ruff relives the 20's by dressing like a flapper during Spirit Week.



Into the Past

"5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Cougars number 1," chanted the cheerleaders at the pep rally, held to signify the end of Homecoming Spirit Week 1986. This Homecoming, Oakton's theme was "Journey into the Past." Following the examples of Augustus and Julius Caesar, when Monday arrived, Cougars climbed Mount Olympus to our high school clad in togas and olive-branch-crowns in celebration of the Ancient Roman Empire.

Tuesday brought in water pistols, buckskin chaps and western boots as the Cougar's prepared to jump on a covered wagon and gallop out to the Old West. With Wednesday, the 1920's roared in, and gangsters and flappers roamed the halls in the look out for "recent prints of F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby. Thursday Richy Cunningham and the Fonz would never have distinguished the cafeteria from "Al's" when the last

step back in time went into the Fabulous 50's.

Finally Friday arrived and the great clash of the Cougars vs. the Rams was only hours away. The school was flooded with spirit when the students, teachers, and faculty members dressed in burgundy and gold. Everywhere a Cougar peeked there were burgundy and gold streamers decorating the halls as well.

Spirit Week was a success as the Pep Rally concluded the ceremonies, many seniors did not want the festivities to end. They sat in the bleachers, and like true Cougar fans, rebelliously weathered out the raw wind that blew. Unfortunately, the week did end, and the seniors plodded down the Cougar paw path back to class, but excitement remained for the night's victorious game! *Written by Marie Thieurault*



Don Nelson in his suede chaps waits for the arrival of his horse Silver to take him away. Hi-Ho Silver!!



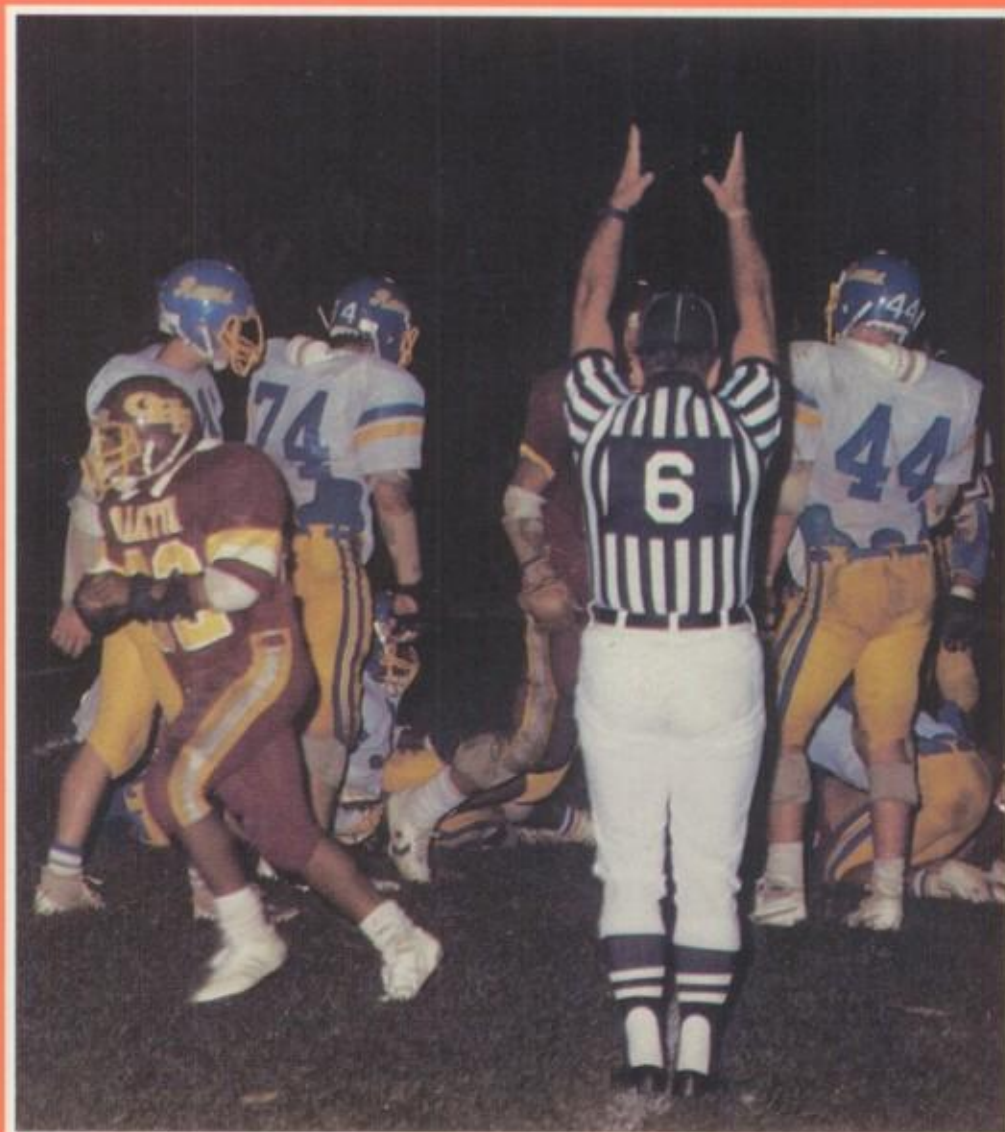
Cheerleaders decorated the hallways to psyche students for the big Homecoming Game against Robinson.

French teacher Mrs. Baci shows her spirit for fifties day by dressing up as a bubbly cheerleader.



"TOUCHDOWN!!!" was a familiar sight at this year's football games. Photo by David Cho

The junior class sets up for the float competition. Photo by David Cho



Back in Time



Jill Hattendorf is in time with her band members as they perform at Homecoming halftime.

"There was more enthusiasm this year than I have seen in the past seven years . . . all parties were involved." Assistant football coach **Tom Hall's** words seemed to wrap up the excitement of the 1986 Homecoming. The fun the students enjoyed during Spirit Week was reflected in the cheers and chants at the Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday.

At the football game on Friday night, the Varsity Cougars came out on top of the Rams; the final score was 21-14. "The game was awesome because we won! There was a lot of school spirit, too," said senior **Kristin Pflugrath**. **Heidi Bolstein** said, "It was an intense, game with lots of

crowd participation for a change." The class of 1988 was once again awarded first place for their outstanding pirate ship float. They built it to the theme of Homecoming, "A journey into the past." Although the senior's float (a Trojan Cougar) did not place in the judging, **Lisa Dano** explained, "Our class float was better than it ever had been!"

The half time show excited the crowd. After the drill team's performance to "We Close Our Eyes," the marching band performed.

The 1986 Homecoming Court was then presented to the crowd in convertible and T-Top MG's and Corvettes. Senior **Erin Thomas** was ecstatic as she was crowned

1986 Homecoming Queen.

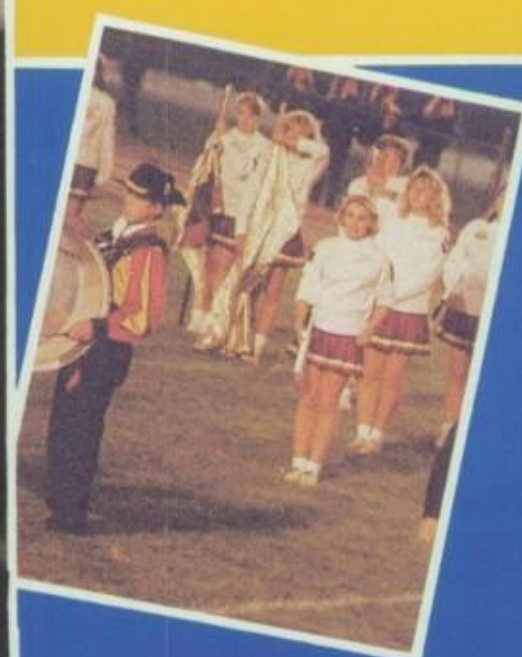
The Homecoming dance was held Saturday night in the cafeteria. Student Government disguised the multi-purpose room with 400 balloons. As the band rocked-n-rolled through the night, over 200 couples attended the dance, organized by **Angela Weiss**.

SG president **Heather Drascovic** said "the dance went smoothly." I had a fantastic time. Some of Homecoming's success can be attributed to principal **Laura Thomas**. **Mrs. Bolstein** remarked, "I think **Ms. Thomas** was extremely cooperative with Spirit Week. She really participated and that was nice." Written by **Amy Jones**



Becki Shuford and Jen Thomas proudly represent the sophomore class as they parade on a convertible MG. *Photo by David Cho*

The Laura T. stands strong and proud. This was an award winning float entered by the Military History Club. *Photo by David Cho*



Erin Thomas, Oakton's Homecoming Queen, shows the true smile of a winner. *Photo by David Cho*

The flag corps gives an outstanding performance during halftime at the Homecoming game. *Photo by Mrs. Morrow*

Tension in the Round



The Crucible, the Drama Department's fall offering, was a welcome departure from the norm. A serious and intense drama, the Crucible was presented as theatre-in-the-round to a limited audience seated on the stage. "At one point when I turned to face the audience, everyone shifted," **Christina Greiger** noted. The tension was heightened by the setting and costuming, both executed in stark black, white and red.

The play, written by Arthur Miller, recounted the Salem witch trials. The crucial characters were John Proctor, a farmer, and Abigail Williams, the leader of the girls.

The climax occurred when, to prevent Mary Warren from testifying against them, Abigail and the girls drive her into a state of hysteria, claiming she is a witch. **Kate Norris** played this scene magnificently, pounding her fists repeatedly against the stage.

This scene left the audience in such a state of shock that comic relief was immediately necessary. It was masterfully provided by a drunk scene between **Charlie Post** and **Robin Sayers**, a scene from which is shown below.

Costuming played an important part in this drama. The bright red cross Rev. Parris wore surreally emblazoned on his chest labelled

him a bloodthirsty "holier-than-thou" minister. Mary's grey shift expressed her uncertainty. Abby's switch from a white dress with a small red belt to a black and red outfit between acts symbolized her corruption as the play progressed. The contemporary styling of all the clothing emphasized the parallel between the witch trials of Salem and the Red Scare Era of the 1950's. Credit should go to **Elizabeth Jordan** for her excellent supervision of costuming for the play.

Denise Perrino did an excellent job extracting a magnificent performance from her students. *Written by Danny Fahs*



Sarah Good (**Dawn Olmstead**) and Tituba (**Robin Sayers**), in an incredibly cosmic scene, believing the Devil is coming to fly them back to Barbados. *Photo by Rex Vaughn.*

Betty Parris (**Ducie Le**), Mary Warren (**Kate Norris**), and Mercy Lewis (**Hillary Root**) confront Abigail with their fears. *Photo by David Cho*



Cast List

Abigail Williams	John Proctor
Christina Greiger	Sean T. Spiers
Reverend Parris	Tituba
Brad Miliauskas	Robin Sayers
	Betty Parris
Laura Guytem/Ducie Le	
	Susanna Walcott
Ducie Le/Dawn Olmstead	
Ann Putnam	Thomas Putnam
Stephanie Smith	Chip Haas
	Mercy Lewis
Elizabeth Hervey/Hillary Root	
Mary Warren	Rebecca Nurse
Kate Norris	Jennifer Dewey
Giles Corey	Reverend Hale
Darin Dunston	Joe Handley
Elizabeth Proctor	Francis Nurse
Kim Zwingman	Matt Moore
	Willard
Josh MacNabbe	Charles Post
Judge Hawthorne	Martha Corey
Jeff Kovatchitch	Christy Cier
	Hopkins
Robert Morgan	Chris Thunell
	Sarah Good
Dawn Olmstead/Elizabeth Hervey	
	Townspeople
Michelle Teste	Patrick Todd
Hillary Root/Laura Guytem	



Josh MacNabb autographs a copy of the program for a fan. Photo by Rex Vaughn.



Darrin Dunston imparted a touch of humor to the play through his portrayal of the wide eyed, doddering Giles Corey. However, some members of the audience had difficulty understanding Giles' wizened voice. Photo by David Cho.



Abigail tries to get Betty (here played by Laura Guytem) to snap out of her trance. Photo by Rex Vaughn.

The Real Oakton

Monday morning-7:30 am. The countdown begins. Five days and counting. This was the typical state of mind of the average Oaktonian. "Where the #@?! is the WEEKEND?"

After five days of plowing, just about every student was brain dead and the weekend seemed to roll around just in time before we went over . . . the edge.

Time to kick back, let loose and relax. The more adventurous cruised to Georgetown. Others chose to stick around town, and raise heck wherever the party was. On a chilly Friday night many could be found cheering Oakton's winning team. After the game it was party till you drop.

Once the excitement cooled

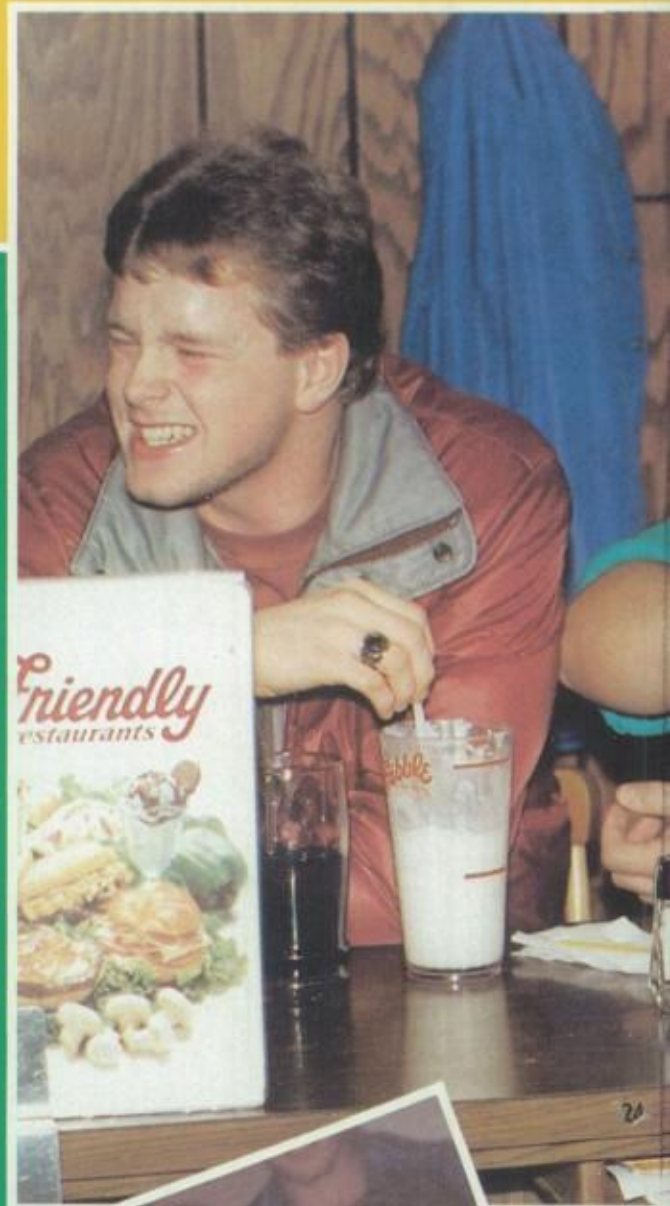
down, many spent time working part-time jobs, homework, or just bumming around.

Friends were probably the singlemost important factor pulling one through the school year. Without all the laughter, cheer and good times, school would have been absolutely, incomprehensibly, unbearable.

Whatever the activity, work or play students managed to pack weekends with fun. When Monday came 'round Cougars were ready to begin on the 5-day treadmill once more. Without doubt, weekends and friends were the antidote for educational stress. *Written by Shuchi Sharma*

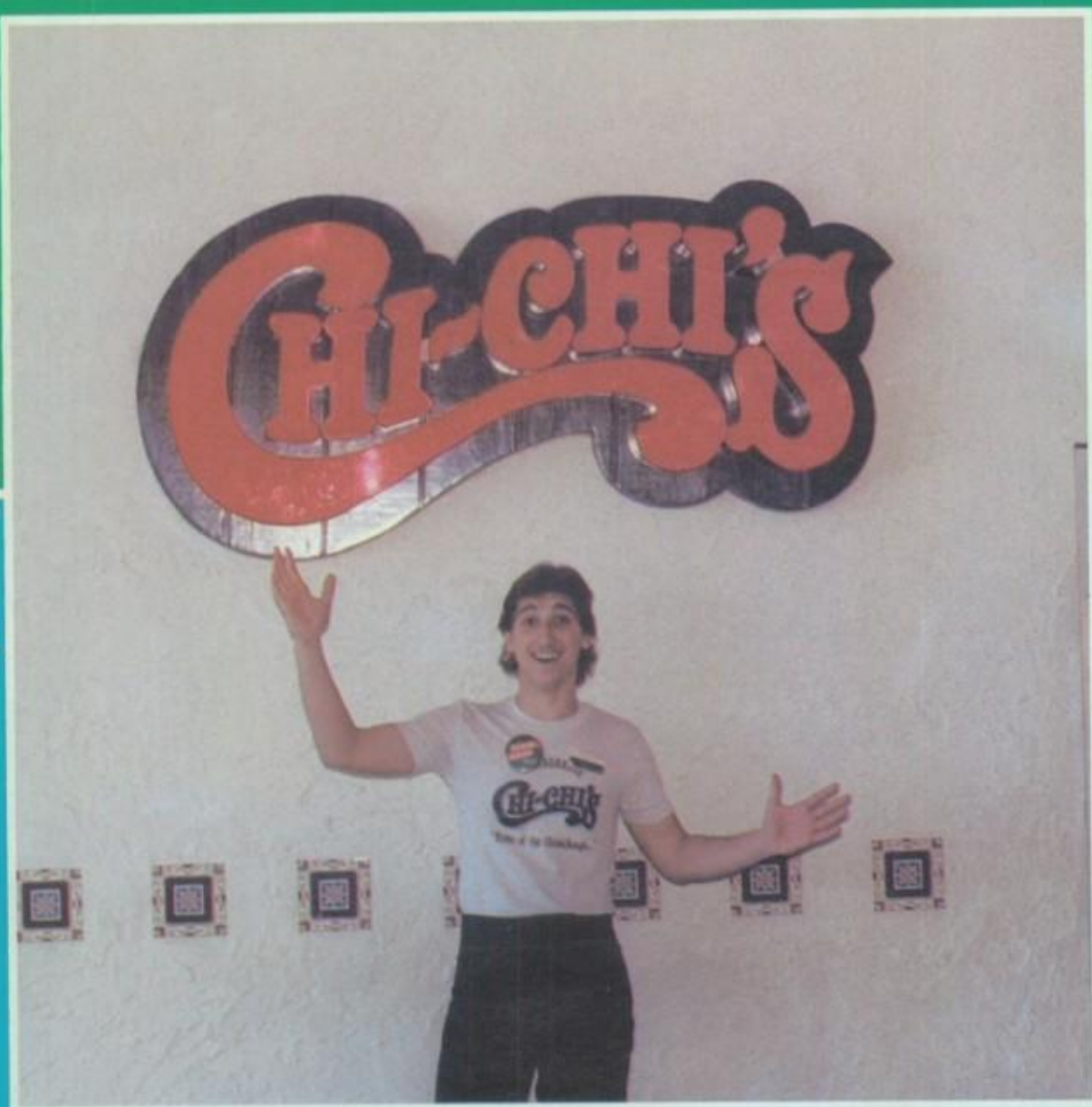
Fred & Ned decide to take a break from the Mac scene and enjoy food at Friendly's, a favorite Oakton spot to eat. *Photo by Robert Dant*

Cougars enjoy a favorite past time at Michelle Clarke's house over the weekend.



Isabelle Damonville & Bill Board enjoy a more quiet scene and take a day at the mall to shop together. *Photo by Robert Dant*

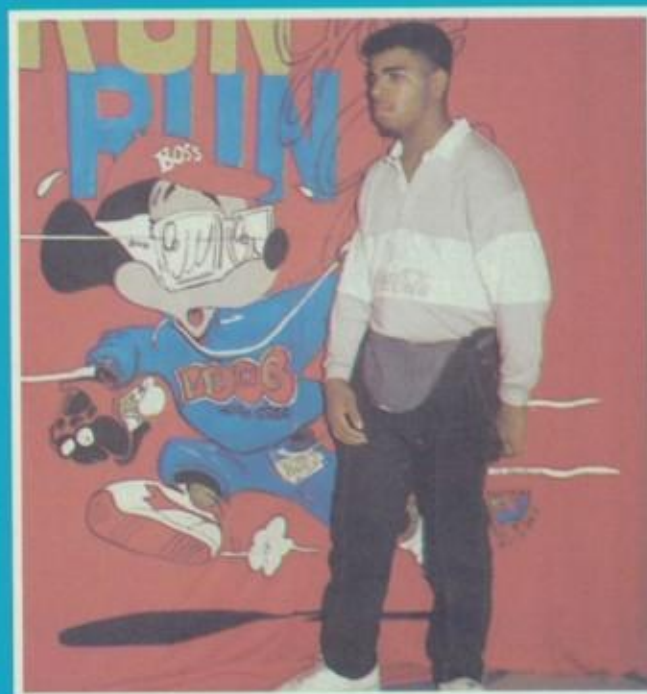




Dawn Ianuzi, Missy Gordon, Jennifer McGraw, Cathy Leech and Carol Leech: The epitome of "Mall Rats."

Greg Steir, like many other students, spends his weekends at work saving his money to spend the following weekend.

Robert Allen "GO-GO's" the night away at The BLACK HOLE during a Chuck Brown concert.



Quest For College.

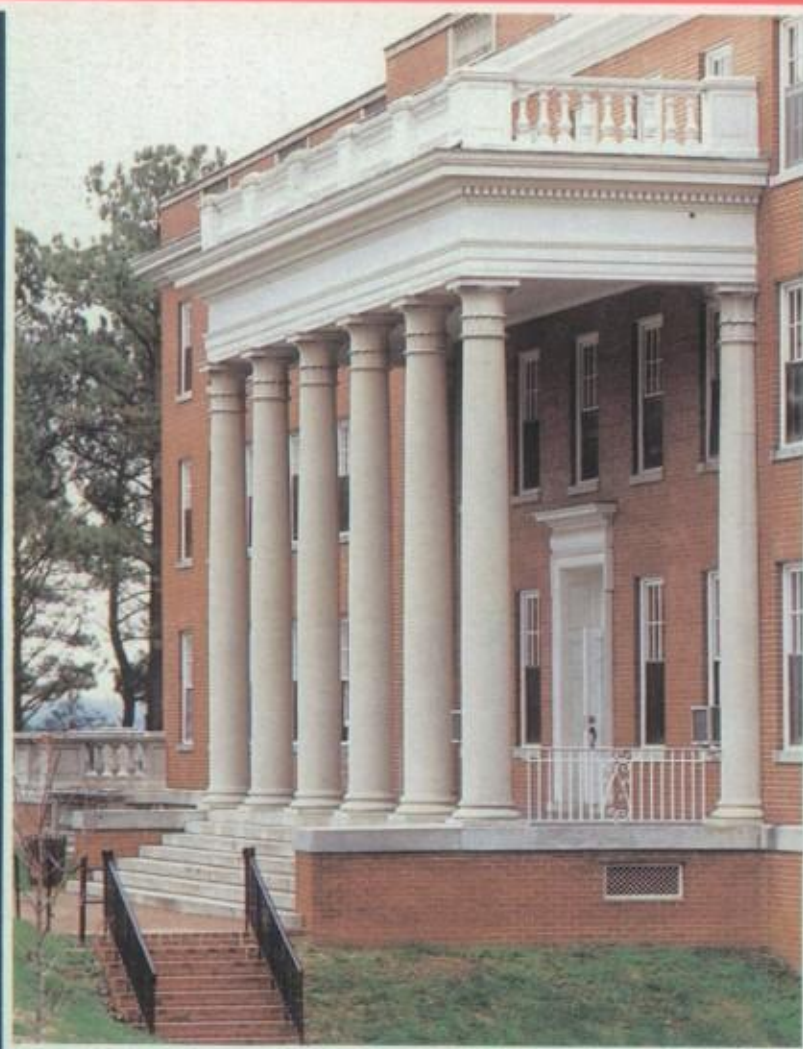
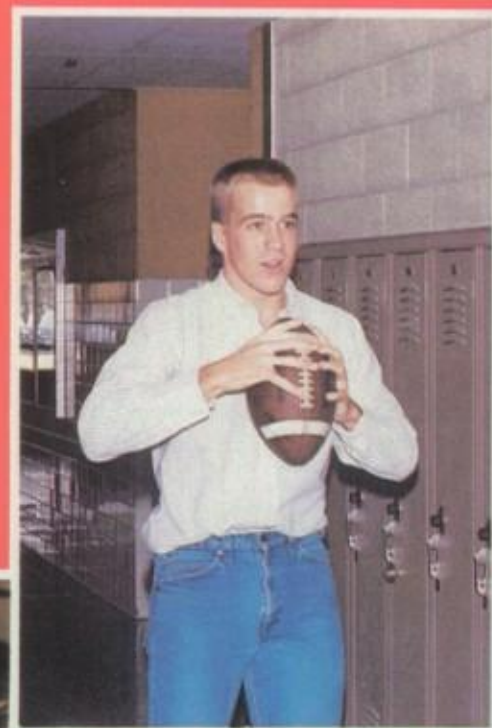
Ahh, yes . . . the seniors' joy of finding the right college was alive and well this year. **Jennie Miller's** plan was to be accepted at Radford or Longwood.

Although underclassman generally liked to think that senior year was laid back, seniors knew otherwise. These students were burdened with the responsibility of choosing a college. During the first semester many activities were organized to help seniors make their college choices. College fairs, college nights, and college representatives in the career center filled students' social calendars. Still with all this

stress, seniors were expected to keep up their grades and prepare for the college entrance examinations. **Val Watkins'** that her search would end with "an education that will make me rich."

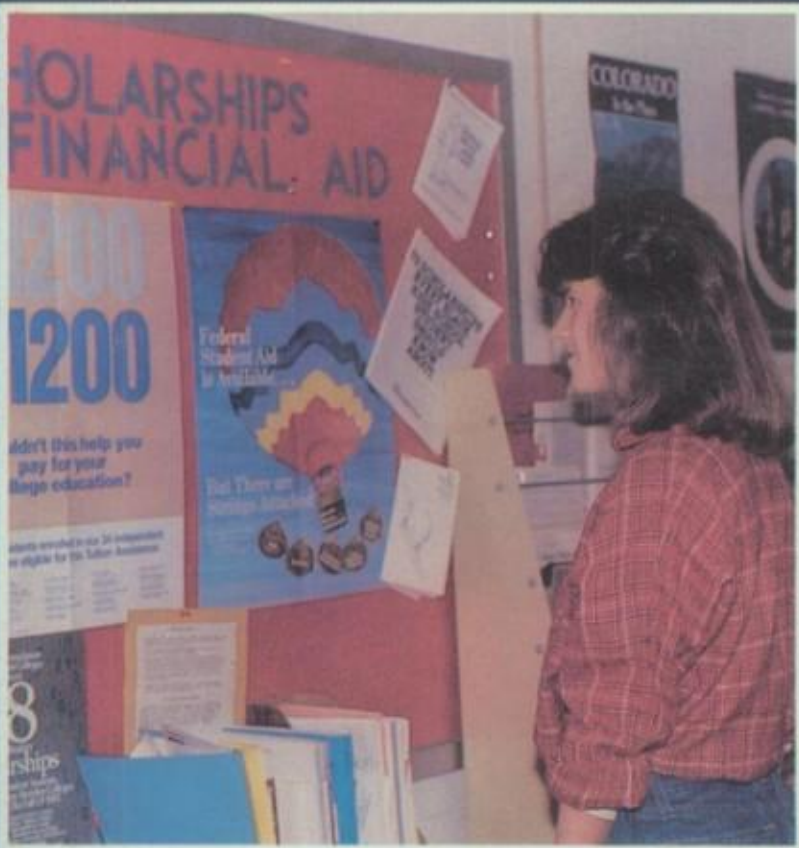
After most college applications were mailed, Seniors finally had a little breathing space, but waiting for acceptance to that "perfect college" was enough to keep their anxiety level high well into the spring. Once this hurdle was crossed, the seniors finally had the chance to hit a true "**senior slump**" which endured until Graduation Day. *Written by Caroleigh Karlsson*

John Cook catches his senior slump early and plays catch in the hall rather than going to class.



Craig Payne and Julie Diehl find that the cure for the senior slump is attending as many parties as humanly possible. *Photo by Robert Dant*

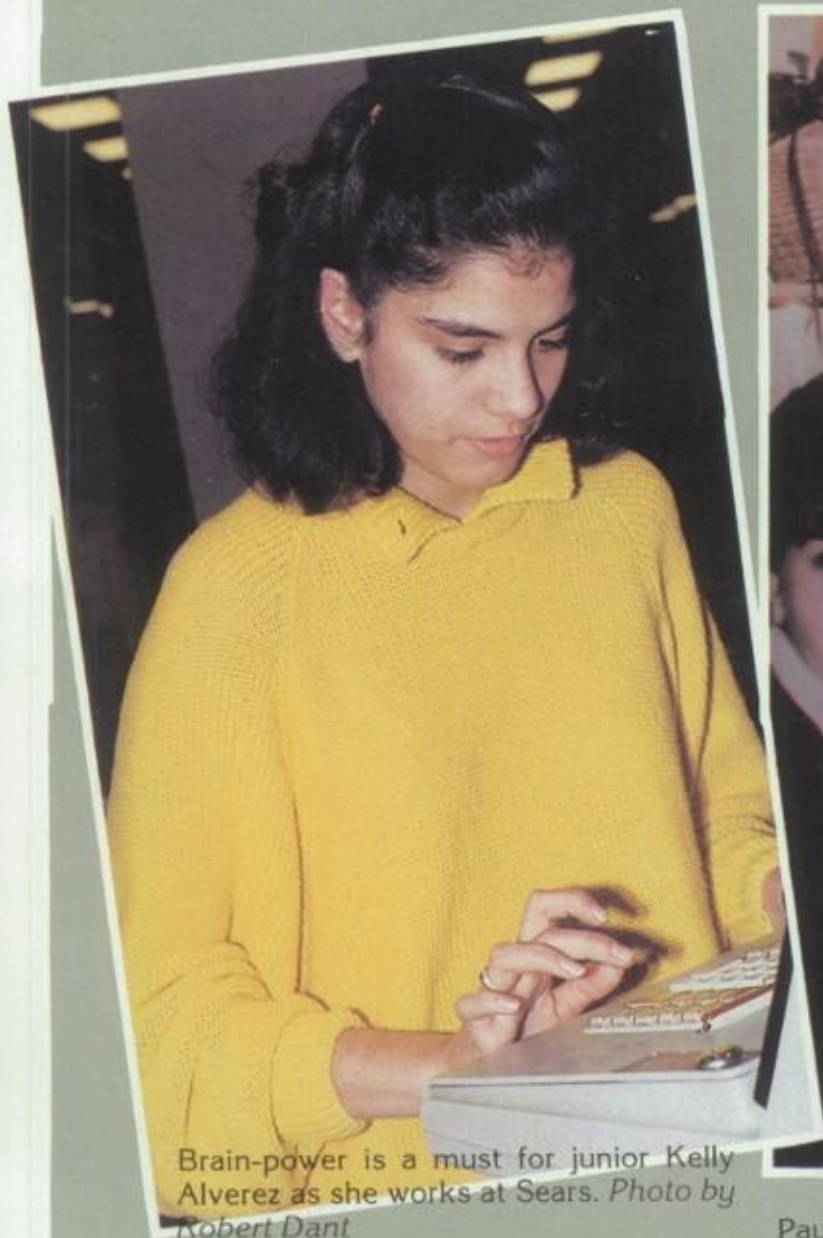
Randolph Hall is one of the largest residence halls on the Mary Washington campus. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Many Colleges sent representatives to Oakton so that the students could get a better feel for the school. Erin McKee and Sara Harp pay close attention during a visit from Boston College.-Photo by Robert Dant.

The bulletin board outside of the career center provides Gretchen Berry with up to date college information.

Diane Aaby, a Marketeer at the American Cafe, prepares her specialty: a BLT with cheese. Photo by Steve Schwartz



Brain-power is a must for junior Kelly Alvarez as she works at Sears. Photo by Robert Dant



Paula Heleski uses her innate fashion know-how to put together a stunning outfit for a customer at Carol Reed at Fair Oaks. Photo by Steve Schwartz

Overworked . . . Underpaid

Weekends are for obtaining movie tickets, buying the latest fashions in clothing and attending or playing games, but where does the money come from? Some still rely on Mom and Dad, but the others ventured out to the world of work. Whether it is babysitting, mowing lawns or waiting on customers at Fair Oaks, it is a job. Like everything, jobs have advantages and disadvantages. Said senior **Nita Phillips**, employee of Dulles Gateway Kennels, "There are many benefits . . . I now have experience which will help me get into veterinarian school. I learned how a business is run. Most important of all, I've had the chance to meet new people."

"The one thing I hated most in hav-

ing a job was getting up at the crack of dawn every morning," said **William Bentley** who worked at the Madison Masonry and Construction Company. Said junior, **Sarah Uttech**, who works in Graphic Designing for Innovative Projects, "It's hard giving up weekends to work. I don't get to go out with my friends as much as would like to and it really wears me out."

Many people work so they can have some extra spending money others work to support themselves. "The key to being successful is **responsibility** and being able to handle customers even if they are unhappy and dissatisfied," explained junior, **Heather Summey**. *Written by Betsy Neiner*



David's Village Shops keeps Heidi Bolstein busy but smiling behind the register. *Photo by Steve Schwartz*



Craig Fry is in awe of the tall blonde customer asking him for a chili dog. *Photo by Steve Schwartz*

David Haug practices his lifetime goal: selling 147 microwave ovens in one working day. *Photo by Steve Schwartz*



Track



Field



Gym

S SPORTS



Games requiring strength, skill, and stamina. "Oakton's sports were definitely **on the move** during the 1986-87 school year." Who ever thought of this quote must have had the spirit and determination of the mighty cougars in mind. Who would have thought that the Cougar football team would have crushed Chantilly in the opening game of the season. It was obvious by the amazing turnout at the games, both home and away, that spirit was alive and well at Oakton. Could it have been the state championship trophy brought home by last years golf team, or simply the enthusiasm and pride of the students as they watched all the teams bring honor to OHS? Whatever the reason, the support was greatly appreciated by all athletic teams and will hopefully grow in future years. *Written by Peggy Eales*

Coach Al Fish lays it on the line before the big game. It was the attention to details that brought success. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Court



Drill Team Gets What It Deserves!

In a thunderclap of applause, graduates **Jill Bartley** and **David Daigler** were announced as Athletes of the Year. Multitudes of Most Valuable Players, Sportsman-ship, and Coaches Winners received their awards at the Spring Awards Banquet, with the numerous sports that attended,

one new sport had been added ... the Drill Team.

This was the first year that the Cougarettes had actually received a letter for their efforts, instead of certificates of participation.

Sponsor, now coach, Deborah Larsen worked over-time many nights getting the

team this privilege. "I felt the girls should letter because I knew in other schools, drill teams lettered. I worked with Bob [Mr. Robyak — Student

Activities Director] and the girls to make up criteria for lettering. It was something I felt strongly they deserved," said Mrs. Larsen.

The Drill Team for its fifteenth year continues to

win awards proudly displayed in the showcase. Now they are recognized for the sport they really are. Co-captain **Cathleen Karlsson** stated, "We worked as hard as any other sport, yet we didn't get any recognition. This year we finally got it!"

Written by Kim Mullins

1986 Fall Athletic Awards Tennis: MVP-Camberly Cook; Coaches-Margaret Anderson; Sportsmanship-Gretchen Berry. Cheerleaders: MVP-Marie Theriault; Coaches-Kim Stallings; Sportsmanship-Stephanie Sanders. Golf: MVP-Chris Turner; Coaches-Chris Turner; Sportsmanship-John Carlson. Cross Country-Boys: MVP-Wayne Penn; Coaches-Scott Watson; Sportsmanship-Matthew Greer. Cross Country- Girls: MVP-Allison Russell; Coaches-Deborah Ellis; Sportsmanship-Deanna Sill. Football: MVP-Chris Scaglione; Coaches-Chris Stroud, Todd Raynor; Sportsmanship-J.D. Gibbs. Field Hockey: MVP-Lisa Petty, Tracy Lansdown; Coaches-Jenny Coyner; Sportsmanship-Kristen Atkins.



Cheerleader Helen Ailsworth smiles gleefully as she receives her letter from Coach Tyra Suttle while JV Coach Mrs. Walsh looks on. Photo by David Cho.





1st Row: Cindy Burrowes (hist.), Kristen Wyte (treas.), Cathleen Karlsson (co-capt.), Kim Mullins (capt.), Char-mayne Brown (co-capt.), Claudia Heflin (secr.), Susie Bousquin (parl.)
2nd Row: Jennifer Dunne, Addie Gil, Julie Bitner, Sarah Stover, Amy Wiley, Terza Motkowski, Karen Clegg, Catherine Murphy, Debbie Petruska, Regina Lizasuin, Karen Jones, Alyssa Verdu
3rd Row: Julianne Ridolphi, Michelle Waters, Julie Diehl, Kirsten Envall, Cindy Murphy, Alysa Hatch, Kim Campbell, Allison Annett, Beth Noble, Lori Ficalora, Jill Stone, Windy Mason



First year members on Drill Team are required to go through a series of initiations to become an official member of the team. This year members had to dress up in sixties, repulsive clothes with garish makeup then proceeding to Fair Oaks Mall to "still model" and do the bunny hop all the way back from the movies. Photo by Kim Mullins

Senior Chris Scaglione receives his letter award for football at the Fall Awards Banquet. At the banquet, families brought food to form a long line of pot-luck dinners. This was followed by the announcements of team Most Valuable Players, Sportsmanship Winners,

and Coaches' Awards Recipients. Players posed for pictures by parents and faculty followed by letter distribution for separate sports in different rooms of the school. Instant stars were produced from this Academy Awards Imitation. Photo by David Cho

Strokes of Genius

... has been the spirit of the golf team for. They had a spectacular record with 6 wins. Oakton began well in the Herndon Invationals, coming in 4th out of 21 schools. Our team

dominated right from the start, eliminating Langley with a score of 150 strokes versus Langley's 174. The players then pro-

ceeded to destroy Lee High School, 514 to 165. This challenging match with West Springfield resulted in our 1st defeat. Charging on, Oakton buried T.C. Williams by 25 strokes. Oakton continued to face West Springfield, then beat Robinson 161 to 151, and Woodson by 9 strokes. On the last regular season game, the cougars beat Lake Braddock with the best 9 hole score, 149 to 170! Losing by 1 stroke to Woodson at District's Championships, Oakton went to regionals where we again came in 2nd to Woodson by 2

strokes. We then returned to States where we came in 3rd, missing 2nd place by 1 stroke. Great recognition must go to Senior **Chris Turner** for his tremendous work all of his 4 years and **Brian Gallagher** with stroke averages 36.0 and 39.4 respectively. Coach Autry says, "Chris has been like the heart and soul of Oakton's Team since his Freshman year."

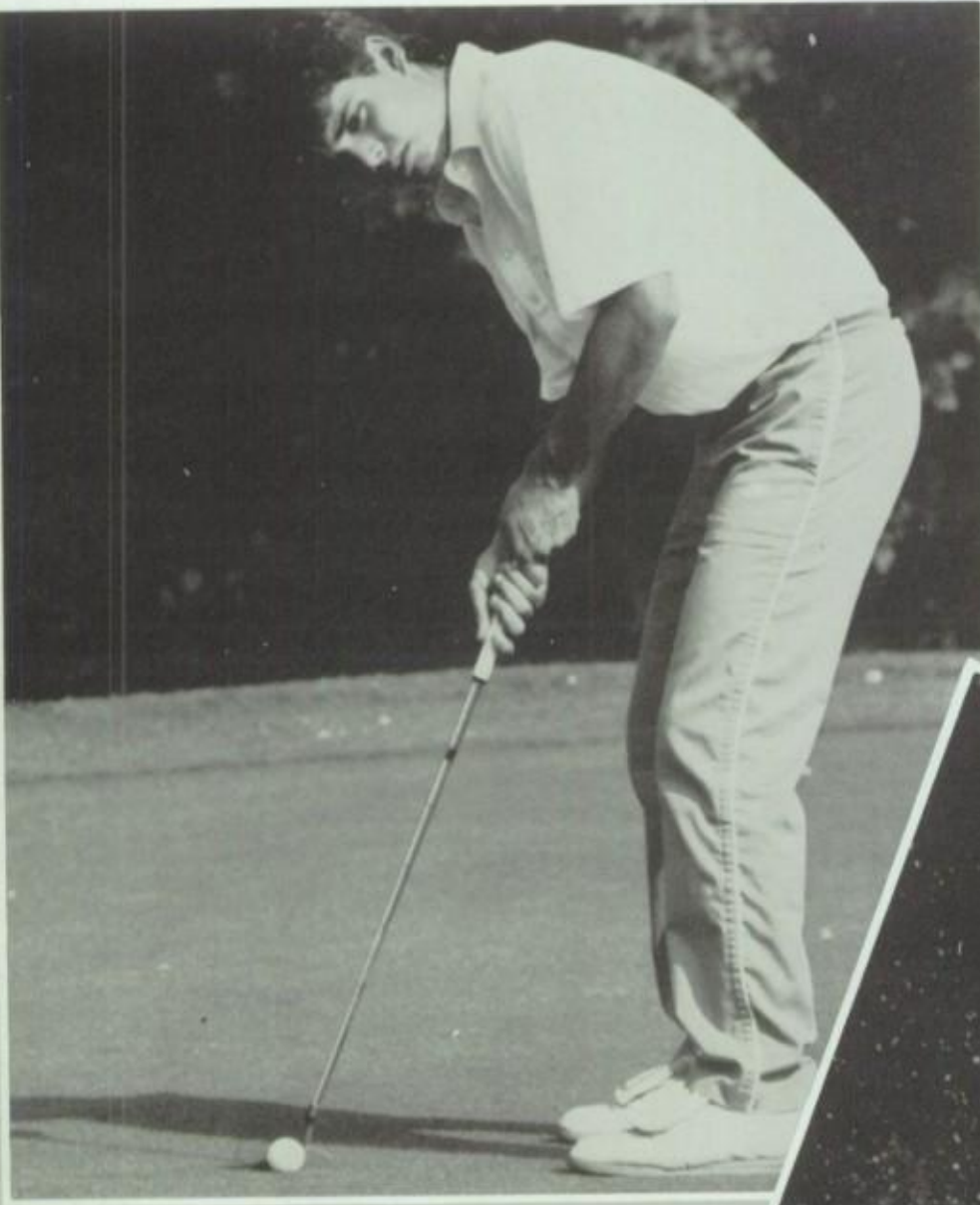
The team was once again something to be proud of supporting. *Written by Jonathan Wichlacz and Marie Theriault*



Perhaps the most disappointing sight in golf — a putt that stops just short of the hole. *Photo by Jonathan Wichlacz.*

The famed Oakton golf team: **Brian Quackenbush, Brian Gallagher, Matt Lasando, Todd Casey, John Carlsson, Chris Turner** *Photo by Jonathen Wichlacz.*





Matt Lasando carefully lines up for a difficult putt. *Photo by Robert Dant.*



Chris Turner shows off his golf equipment, especially the burgundy and gold bag proudly emblazoned, "85 VA STATE CHAMPS." *Photo by Jonathon Wichlacz.*

Desperately hoping to make par, **John Calerson** slices the ball out of a sandtrap at International. *Photo by Robert Dant.*



Brian Quackenbush studies the fairway as a player from T.C. Williams prepares to address the ball. *Photo by Jonathon Wichlacz.*

V. FOOTBALL

Head football coach, Bob Herb leads the Varsity Cougars to an outstanding 9-1 season. Photo by Shirley Mazin



In one of the many triumphant moments of the season, Curtis Taylor jumps for joy as Oakton clinches their victory over Madison in the second game of the season. Photo by David Cho

Top row: Lorenzo Bonds, Kevin Barnes, JP Foley, Jon Christian, Bessam Musleh, Chris Stroud, Todd Raynor, Joe Burch, Brendon Woods
Second row: Paul Godstan, Eric Parvin, Mark Stochamburg, Sergio Spitale, Jay Gregory, Matt Wells, Mike Hall, Roland Calvert, John Cook, Russel Brooks
Third row: Moe Duckett, Mike Mercer, Pat Lynch, Brent Newell, Curtis Taylor, Mike Plugrath, J.D. Gibbs, Bobby Zeiller, Kip Wilkowski, Mike Ross
Fourth row: Scott Shipley, Bill Calhoun, Tom Walsh, Robert Brooks, Paul Stansbury, Brian Newell, Chris Scaglione, Todd Keller
Fifth row: Robert Lassiter, Tucker Garky, Bart Trobridge, Rick Turner, Scott Buzzeli, James Grimm, Eugene Chung. Captains [to the right]: Top row: Scott Shipley, coach Bob Herb, Jamie Grimm
Second row: J.D. Gibbs, Chris Scaglione, Todd Keller, Robert Brooks.



A few disappointed members of the Oakton varsity football team, Robert Brooks, Sergio Spitale, and Tom Walsh walk off the muddy field after the only loss of the year against T.C. Williams.



Varsity Football Team Turns it Around

The Oakton Varsity Football team had an outstanding season which ended with a record of 9-1. After their first victory of the season against Chantilly, the team was fired up for the game of the year against Madison. "If I get a sack in the first quarter", commented **Eugene Chung**, "the game is ours." The excitement of the fans was shown when the crowd rushed the field as the last few seconds ran out on the and it was evident that the victory belonged to the Cougars.

As the team's record improved, so did the school spirit. **Mike Hall** commented on the enthusiasm-"We have the school on our side, school spirit is way up." Oakton's winning streak only increased the desire of the football team to go all the way, and their efforts and

pride during every game were prime examples of this. As they scooped up their last few wins of the season, the entire school felt the pressure that was on the team-would they

the team lost to T.C., the students, faculty, parents, and the entire community have never been more proud of the Oakton Cougars. **Coach Herb** commented "The most

the year in the Northern District, received first team All District, All Region, All Met., and to add to his list, second team All State. **Scott Shipley** joined Chris "Scags" on this All State secondteam, and added first team All District to his list. Other players who received first team All District were **Eugene Chung, J.D. Gibbs, Kevin Barnes, Roland Calvert, Joe Burch**, along with **Brian Newell** who received second team All District. These players were also recognized on the All Region second team. Another excellent who deserved some recognition for his tremendous talent was **Robert Brooks**.

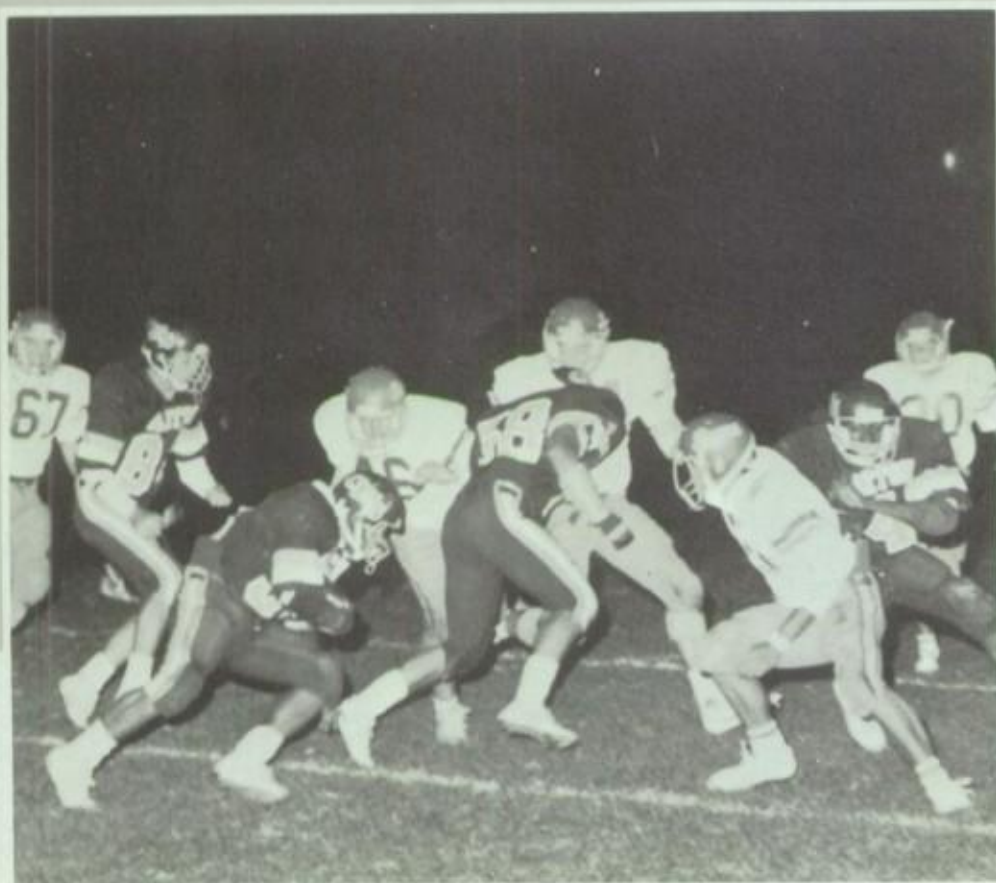
These honors prove that the Oakton Cougars had an amazing varsity football season, not only because of their winning record, but because they had restored sportsmanship among athletes, and put pride back into the hallways of Oakton High School.



SCOREBOARD	
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20	OHS-Madison . . 14
28	OHS-Edison . . 06
14	OHS-McLean . . 06
20	OHS-Lee . . 00
21	OHS-Robinson . . 14
23	OHS-LBHS . . 11
28	OHS-WSHS . . 00
10	OHS-Woodson . . 03
03	OHS-TCW . . 21

defeat T.C. Williams and move on to defend the district title? the Cougars had come this far and it was obvious during the entire weeks' practices that they wanted nothing more than to beat T.C. The rainy weather only increased the enthusiasm of the fans who loyally cheered for their Cougars. Although

success was in the attitudes and efforts of all team members." Herb received the honor of All District Coach. The abilities and talents contained in this mighty team were revealed as numerous players received honorable recognition. **Chris Scaglione**, Oakton M.V.P. and Co-Player of



Key player and Oakton MVP Chris Scaglione kicks one of his many complete field goals this year. Photo by Shirley Mazin

Oakton's strong offense, Chris Scaglione, Robert Brooks, and Brian Newell execute key blocks to allow Kevin Barnes to score on this play against Robinson. Photo by Shirley Mazin

Baby Cougars on the Move

The freshman and JV football teams "showed promise for Oakton's future" commented Coach VanTrees.

Finishing with a 2-9 record, the JV team came through a rough injury filled season. After losing their starting quarterback, **Vance Bartley** to a shoulder injury. **Mike Quigley** and **Vance Bartley** really helped our team out when we needed the most," said **T. J. McMahon**. Punter **Victor Kochuba**, injured his back and returned later only to sprain his finger.

"We always showed spirit

but came back a little too late," said **Scott Crabb**. The game against the Edison Eagles was a prime example. With only a few minutes remaining, **Steve Carter** ran for a 65-yard touchdown. The Cougars went for the two-points to put them in the lead 8-7, but, the conversion was missed.

"The freshman team has possibilities to become a great future team" said **Joe Cruz**. The win-loss

record didn't tell the whole story. Quarterback **Matt Tennant** executed great plays with the support of the defense. **Drew Todd**, **Kenny Mouand**, **Tony Johnson**, and **Randy Scrapper** are among some future prospects. *Written by Beth Willis*

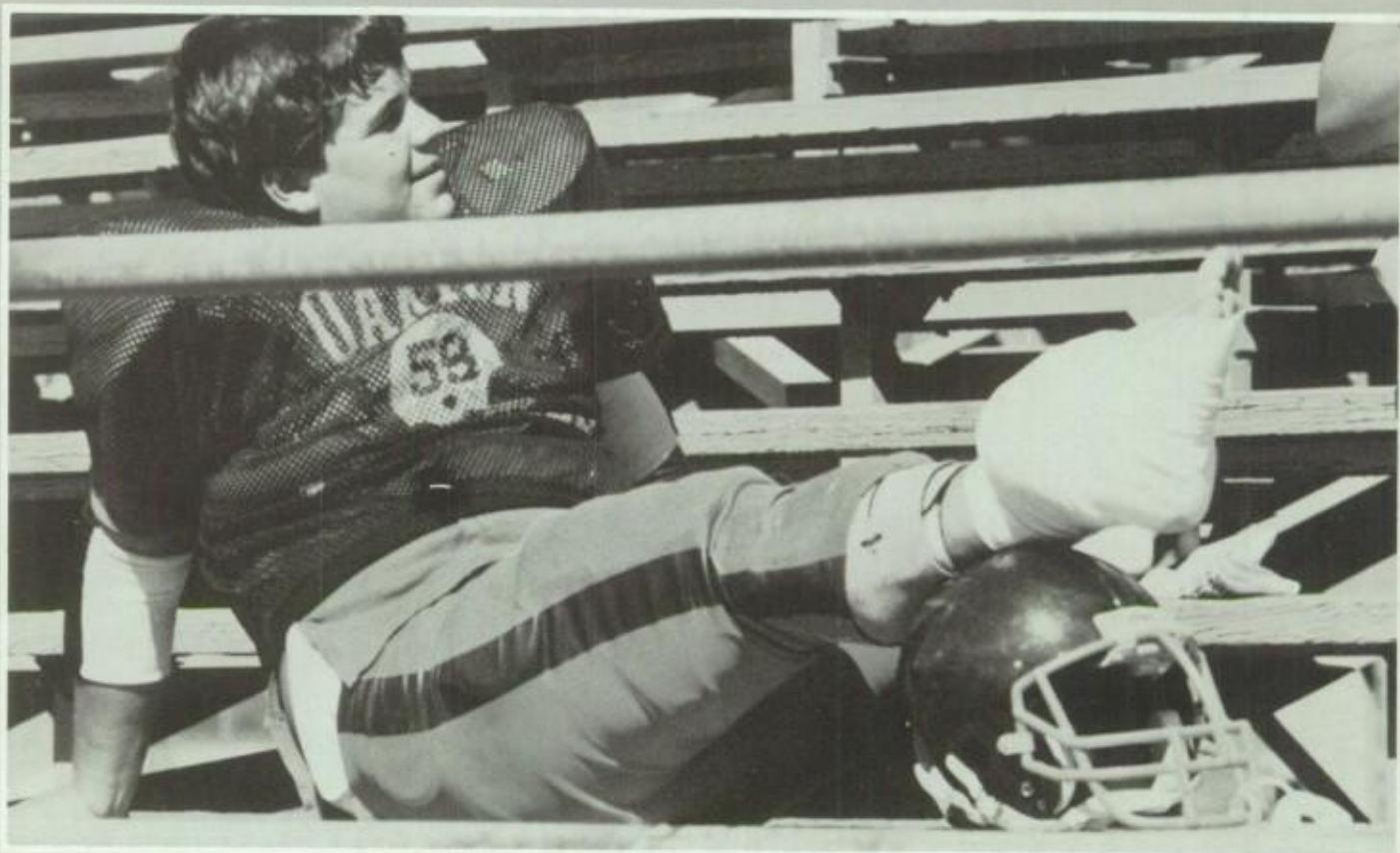
An Oakton team member makes a tackle against a Woodson player.



JV

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20		OHS-Lee		21
00		OHS-Robinson		21
00	...	OHS-Lake Braddock	...	10
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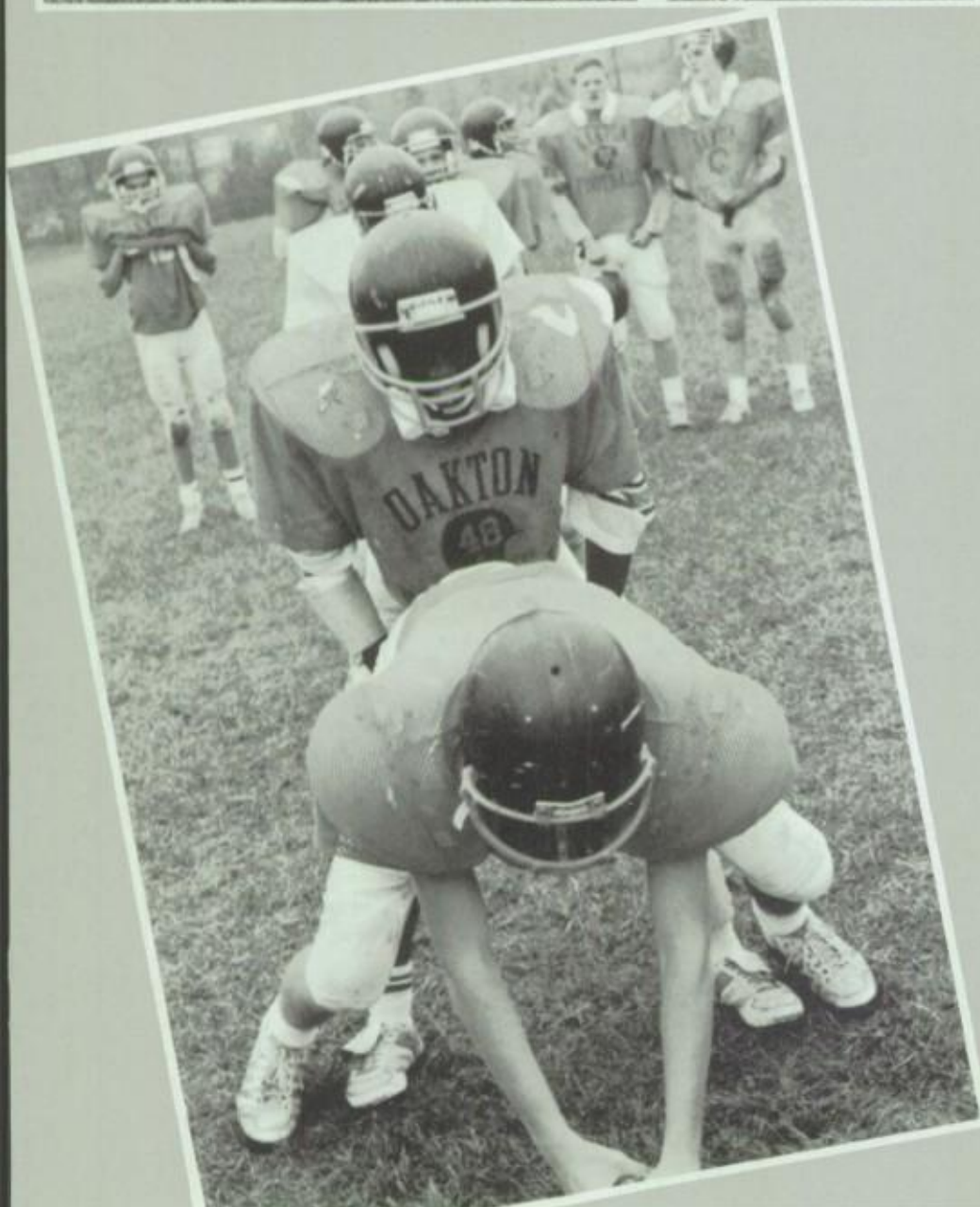


first row: Brad Juhl, Zack Lowe, Billy Underwood, Kenny Hollan, Tommy Rucker, Randy Scrapper, Jeff Nickelson, Anthony Johnson, Felix Mendelsohn. second row: Tim Salvador, Tom Murphy, Mike Foley, Ryan Roberts, Todd Arnold, Ansar Rahels, Andy Munn, Scott Sackshewsky. third row: Wade Rallands, Andy Parrott, Bryant Hokins, Tony Cruise, Manuel Amitizia, Brett Butler, David Lee, Joe Cruz, Brian Marcell. forth row: David Brayman, Drew Todd, Matt Sherman, Billy Taylor, Matt Gustoson, Matt Tennett, Bryan Rice, Greg Long, Tim Hewitt.

Brian Rice takes it easy after being injured practice.



The J. V. team warms up before a practice.



Sam Talbert positions himself on the line ready to charge his offensive opponent during practice.

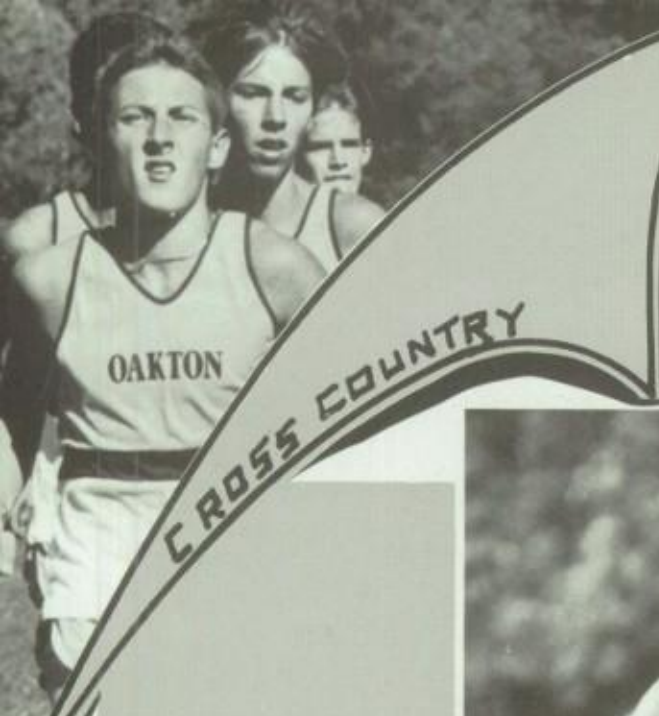
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07		OHS-Robinson		20
13	...	OHS-Lake Braddock	...	48
06	...	OHS-W. Springfield	...	13
00		OHS-Woodson		26
00	...	OHS-T.C. Williams		41

The center gets ready to hike the ball to **Richard Barnes**.



first row: Brett Fletcher, Mark Mcollum, Patrick Mullhill, Ben Frank, Bobby Sihler, Todd Tennett, Scott Crabb. second row: Eric VonHerbulis, Ules Widall, Mike Quigley, Sam Talbert, Tim Berry, Alan Walters, Joe Bosquin, Mike Luwall. third row: T.J. McMahon, Garret Mullins, Calvin Bryant, Richard Barnes, Vance Bartley, Brian DeVido, Victor Kochuba, Patrick Nies, Matt Hagarty. third row: Greg Questo, Billy Desarno, Bobby Herman, Tim Thrash, Darren Miller, Canh Pho, Dennis Blain. forth row: Brent Arnold, Greg McCormick, Steve Lee, Sean Hoban, Steve Carter, Jason Riggs, R.D. Bagley.



Just For the Pain of It

Love, Scott Watson, who captured the boys sportsmanship award, and who was Co-captain of the Varsity boys team, runs a race with determination. Photo by Robert Dant

Paul Hoffman displays exceptional stride as he finishes first for the boys' team at the Spingarn Invitational. Photo by Rex Vaughn



The 1986 Cross Country season could very well be called "the year of the senior", for exactly one half of the team was composed of athletes in their final year at OHS. Seniors knew that they could be competing for the last time, so they took on a "no holes barred" attitude and gave their all.

The guys' team led by the triumvirate of **Wayne Penn, Paul Hoffmam** and **Scott Watson** defeated three-fourths of their competition and were once again one of the fifteen best teams in the state. Rounding out the varsity were Seniors **David Dubay, Jim Trice, Matt Greer, Judd Harper**, along with juniors **Fred Frank, Andy Burns** and **Greg Mason**. Other Senior distance men who will be sorely missed were **David Brock, Don Calvert, Dennis Clark** and **Don Nelson**, all who contributed invaluable in dual meets.

Underclassmen expected to fill the bill next season include **Robbi**

Booth, James Caron, Ran Chubin, Kendall Perez and **Rex Vaughn**.

For the girls, it was the first time in four years that they were ranked in the "top ten". The biggest success was their second place showing at the Spingarn Invitational in Washington, D.C. The team had five seniors, led by **Alison Russell** and included **Julie Porch, Tracy Minarcz, Peggy Eales** and **Jennifer Jarvis**. The returning "harriettes" will be juniors **Dana Kamrat, Debbie Ellis** and **Deanna Smith** along with sophomores **Muffy Monteverde** and **Stephanie Glass**.

This was the last of four years that Coach **Jim Alexander** would be at the helm. An excellent coach, he taught his runners that winning isn't everything. The team will miss him and wishes him the best of luck wherever he goes. Written by **Peggy Eales**.



Oakton's girls start the season with a bang as they lead the pack in a meet against TC Williams. Photo by Robert Dant

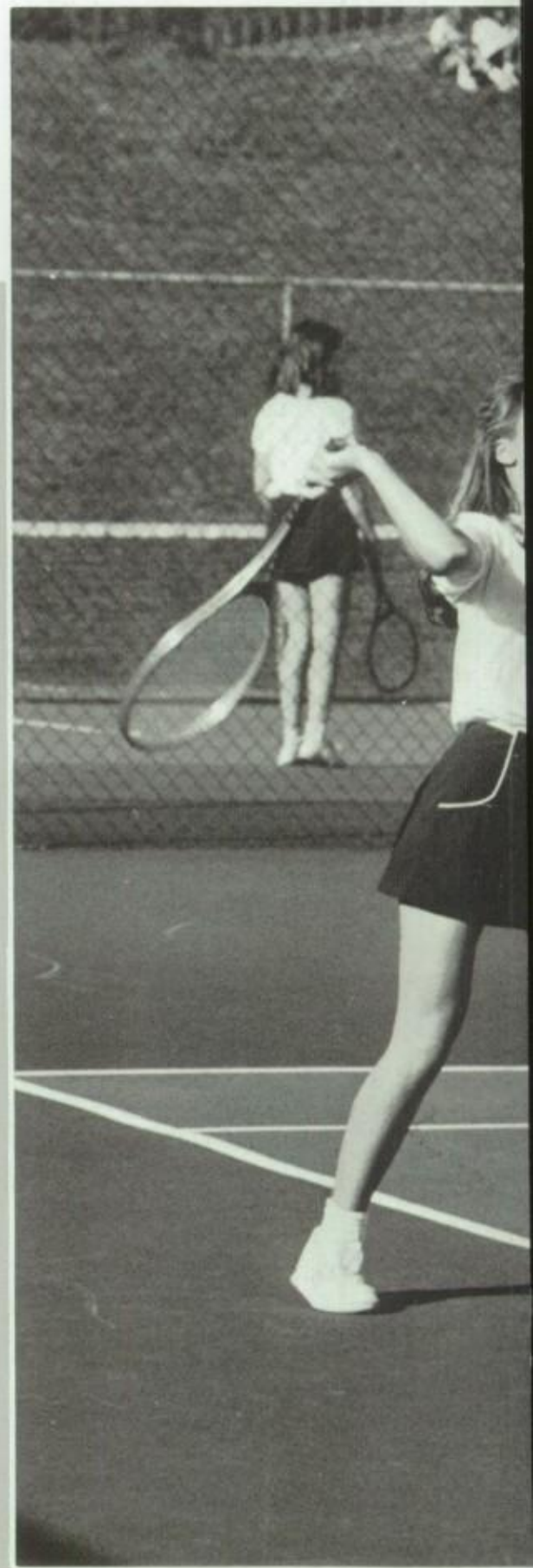


Oakton's enthusiastic cross country team shows their enthusiasm after finishing one of their most difficult meets at Burke Lake, the site of all of the team's home meets.

Sprinting the Cougar path, girl's captain and MVP, Alison Russell, rounds the fence in a tough weekday race against W. Springfield. Photo by Rex Vaughn

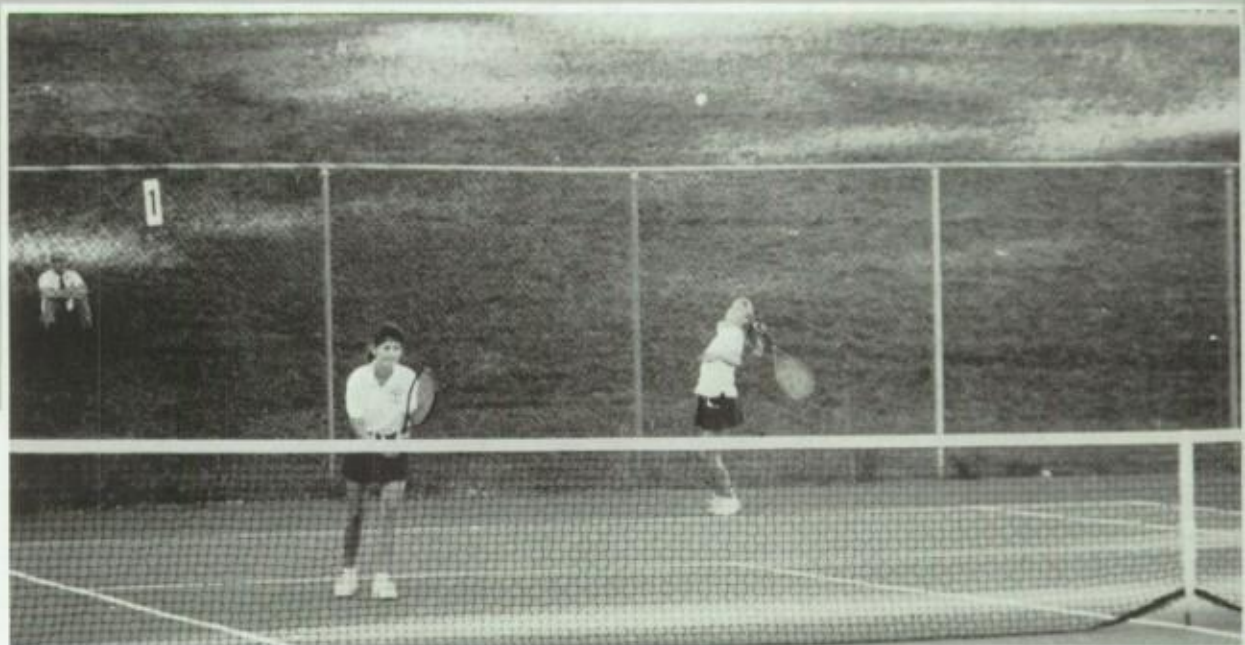
Boy's co-captain Wayne Penn and T.C. Williams opponent are stride for stride at a home meet. Penn was awarded MVP for the boy's team. Photo by Steve Schwartz

In a match against Woodson, Michelle Wang attempts to return a lob. In the end Wang, ranked sixth, overcame her opponent with a final score of 10-7.



Michelle Wang, Stacey Hillegeist, Stephanie Morris, Casey Jennings, Francine Linely, Veronica Yap, Jennifer Safir, Gretchen Berry, Maggie Anderson, Cammie Cook, Christine Hanna, Jill Flemming.

Cammie Cook and Maggie Anderson pair up in a vicious doubles match.





Lob-ing For Tennis Balls.

The girls' tennis team had a competitive '86 season. Four of their top six players had graduated, but they were compensated for this loss when the team gained three new members who filled the third, fourth, and fifth positions. **Gretchen Berry**, who was third, came to OHS from Korea, where she played on the Seoul American team. She was



chosen for best sportsmanship by her teammates. **Francine Finnley**, an up and coming junior ranked number four, came to Oakton from Virginia Beach. **Christine Hanna**, who was ranked fifth, also made a welcome addition to the team.

The number one position was held by **Cammie Cook**, while number two was held by **Maggie Anderson**. **Cook**, named most valuable player by her teammates, and **Anderson**,

who received the coach's award, were the captains.

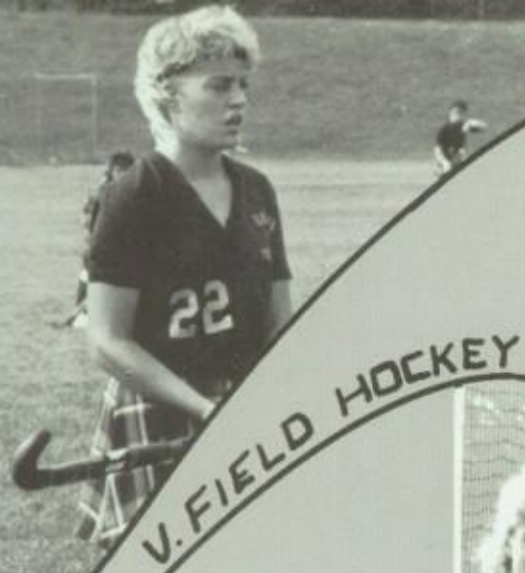
Miss Grill had been coaching the girls' tennis team since Oakton first opened. She cared a great deal about the girls and enjoyed working with them. Her motto was "play fair." Coach Grill retired after the 1986 tennis season and was truly missed by the team when she left.

Mr. Kane and Mrs. Cole helped coach the team during the '86 season. Mr. Kane, who had given private lessons at a racquet club before taking this responsibility on, lead the girls on exercises and running drills. Mrs. Cole coached tennis at another school before joining Mr. Kane at Oakton. She stated that "the girls will have a lot of hard work in order to prepare for the upcoming season." **Michelle Wang**, predicted, "Mr. Kane and Mrs. Cole are both awesome tennis players and will be successful coaches next year." To sum it all up, Mr. Kane said, "We will look at this season as a rebuilding season." Look out for the girls' tennis team next year, for they'll be moving up toward the district matches. *Written by Caroleigh Karlson & Pam Scharrer*

Newcomer, Christine Hanna served as formidable opponent to the Northern District. *Photo by Steve Schwartz*

Third seated Gretchen Berry concentrates on returning the serve from her Woodson opponent. Photo by Steve Schwartz





V. FIELD HOCKEY

Captain Sue Hodges patiently waits for her opponent. Photo by Barrie Archie



Top Row: Michelle Rupp, Mary Miller, Heidi Bolstein, Liz Steele, Susan Hauck, Laura Streck, Robin Gyles, Robin Thrandhart, Cathy Bruce, Coach Mary Caye Schirf. Second Row: Jenny Coyner, Michelle Clarke, Pam Scharer, Capt. Susan Hodges, Capt. Tracy Lansdown, Nicole Kinnan, Capt. Lenora Vann.



Having been a goalie since she was a freshman, Robin Thrandhart once again deflects an attempt on the goal during penalty strokes. Photo by Steve Schwartz



Lenora Vann powers her way through the defense to score a goal in the game against Woodson. Photo by Rex Vaughn

Ragin' in the Cage

The 1986 Varsity Field Hockey team had a phenomenal season. During that time they scored over 12 goals and won 3 games. They were the most goals ever scored in Oakton's history of field hockey. Newcomer, **Lisa Petty**, started the season off on a good note by scoring the first goal of the season against Madison. Just before every game **Coach Mary Caye Schirf** hypnotized the girls with these famous words: "I need a 150% from all of you." Throughout the season the girls practiced many long, hard hours, not only afterschool ;but on Saturday mornings. At the beginning of the season, the team goal was to score more than one goal and to win a game. They achieved their goal and ended the season fifth in the district. On the field they played very ag-

gressively. The starting line up was a force to be reckoned with, who showed much of the Northern District that Oakton had made a strong comeback. Senior **Lenora Vann**, "This is my last year and I'm going to make it my best by scoring a goal." Vann ended the season by scoring several goals and becoming a valuable asset to the team. Another great combination on the team were wings **Tracy Lansdown** and **Lisa Petty**. These two girls fought to the bitter

end to achieve success for the team. For all this hard work, they were honored as the Most Valuable Players. Jenny Coyner, who was new to the sport received the Coaches Award. She always played tough, putting all she had into the game. Through the team's ups and downs, one could always hear **Kristen Atkins** cheering. This awesome player, who kept the team going, received the Sportsmanship Award. Newcomer, **Michelle Rupp**, commented that, "Captain **Susan Hodges**

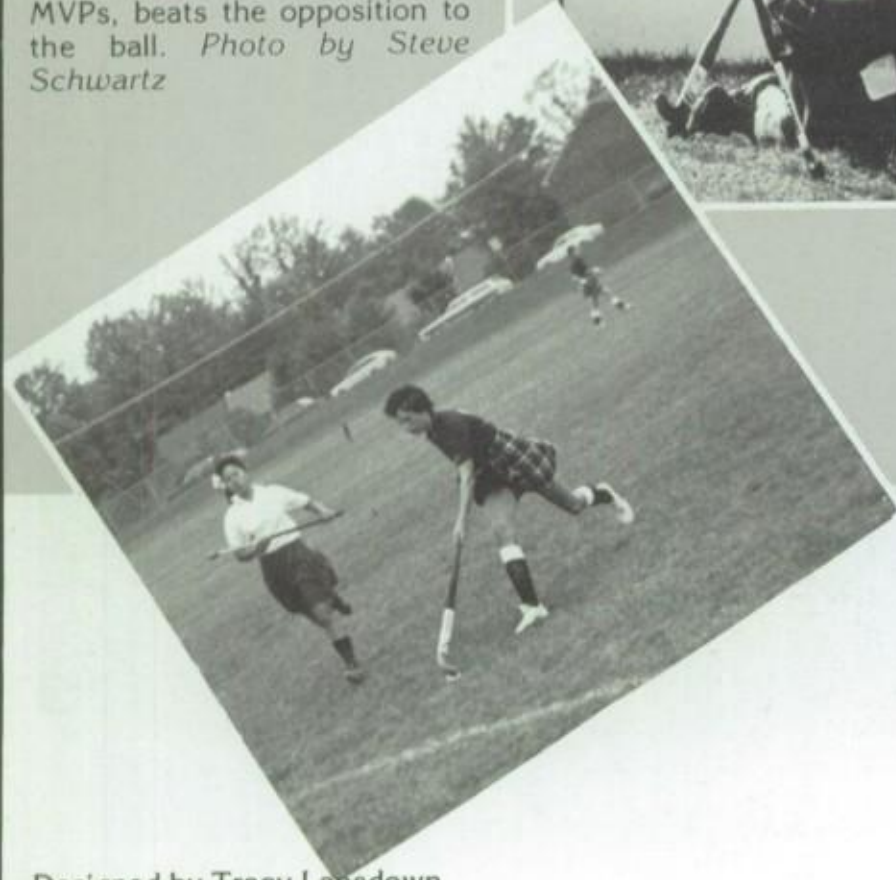
also played a very important role in firing the team up before each game. With all of the enthusiasm, experience, and determination next year's team can only be headed toward more success. *Written by Tracy Lansdown and Pam Scharre*

SCOREBOARD		
01	OHS-Madison	01
02	OHS-Woodson	03
00	OHS-Lake Braddock	02
04	OHS-Stuart	00
02	OHS-W.Springfield	04
00	OHS-Robinson	02
04	OHS-T.C. Williams	05
00	OHS-Woodson	03
00	OHS-Lake Braddock	01
03	OHS-W.Springfield	02
01	OHS-Fairfax	03
03	OHS-Robinson	02
00	OHS-T.C. Williams	02



The Class of '87' is well represented by the senior members of the team. This group included: Cackle Clarke, Liz "The Wiz" Steele, Stu Streck, Shorty Coyner, Heidi Ho Bolstein, Pam Scharrrrrer, Lightning Bolt Lansdown, Zola Bruce, Loretta Vann, Stew Hodges, Kamikaze Hauck. *Photo by Barry Archie*

Using fancy stick work, Lisa Petty, one of this season's MVPs, beats the opposition to the ball. *Photo by Steve Schwartz*



The varsity squad takes a breather and receives advice from coaches Schirf and Abrezezy. *Photo by Steve Schwartz*

Stickin' it to 'Em

Looking back upon the fall athletic season, the Junior Varsity Field Hockey team was one that stood out as having a season full of spirit, drive and enthusiasm. Even though it was the first time for players like **Alison Perdew, Molly Buchanan, Carrie McKee, Naa Bruce** and **Maryann Smith**, they all worked hard. "This young team worked well

together," commented **Renne Elliot**. The team was lead by **Elizabeth McKean, Whitney Bennett, Naa Bruce, Jennie Monaghan**, and **Tasha Roberts**. Although the team lost coach Abrezzie toward the end of the season, they never let that get them down. Varsity Coach **Schirf** stepped in and took over. It was tough practicing as a whole sometimes, but the girls came out on top. J.V. also scored several goals and won a few games, to add another plus to Oakton's field hockey history book. *Written by Tracy Lansdown and Pam Scharrer*

Oakton on the defense: Valerie Parker defends the goal with Donna Drewer and Molly Buchanan in reserve. *Photo by Steve Schwartz.*



J.V. field hockey players get psyched for the upcoming game. *Photo by Steve Schwartz.*



Bottom row: Mary Ann Smith, Julie Mackintire, Laura Stevens, Alison Perdew, Molly Buchanan, Naa Bruce. Top row: Renee Ellis, Valerie Parker, Donna Drewer, Jeannie Monaghan, Whitney Bennett, Tasha Roberts, Elizabeth McKean, Tara Loftstrum, Carrie McKee. *Photo by Barry Archie.*

Coach Abrezzie answers the players' questions in a huddle before the game. *Photo by Steve Schwartz.*



Fighting aggressively **Mike McAlear** Posts up for battle against the Bruins.



In a close game against the Lake Braddock Bruins, Mike McAlear goes up for a power layup in the final seconds of the game.

Winning: The Tradition Starts Here

The freshmen basketball team continued the tradition of past teams with an aggressive defense and inside offense. Under the direction of **Coach Mike Yohe**, the team showed continual outstanding performances. This contributed to the strong competitive spirit and discipline brought to the court by each player.

A tight defense was maintained throughout most of the games, and opponents were kept from the basket. In

the game against Hammond, **Mike Foley** produced one of the most exciting victories. He was on the line with 20 seconds left in a tied game, and completed 2 of 2 baskets.

Long hours of practice paid off in the end for this team. **Drew Todd** summed up the overall attitude of the team, "I felt inspired to play with such a great team!"
Written by Naa Bruce and David Cho.



Top Row: Mike McAlear, Chris Morrow, Brian Hawkins, Wade Rollins, Andy Zerechnich
Bottom Row: Matt Tennant, Terence Berry, Tony Johnson, Mike Foley, Kevin Kozlosky
Not Pictured: Greg Berry, Drew Todd, Bill Underwood

Shooting for the Top

The varsity boys' basketball team again showed everyone that Oakton was ready for the challenge during their 86-87 season. With coach **Tom Casey** and ass't coach **Lou Martini** at their side every step of the way, the Cougars were able to dominate many of their opposing teams.

The crowd played a major part in the games. The spirit at Oakton left the opposing teams shaking. "They had a well balanced team and a lot of senior leadership," said coach Tom Casey.

Among all of their success, the boys were faced with problems. "Not only were we in the toughest district, we had some key players injured which held us back." The six seniors and five juniors were a close

knit team, helping each other both on and off the court.

Some of the best games were in the Seahawk Classic where the Cougars took second after a close loss to a nationally ranked team. They also beat the undefeated team of South Lakes, once in their tournament and once in a non conference game. The best game was against TC Williams where the Cougars were down, but held out to beat TC with some last second free throws by **Chris Scaglione**.

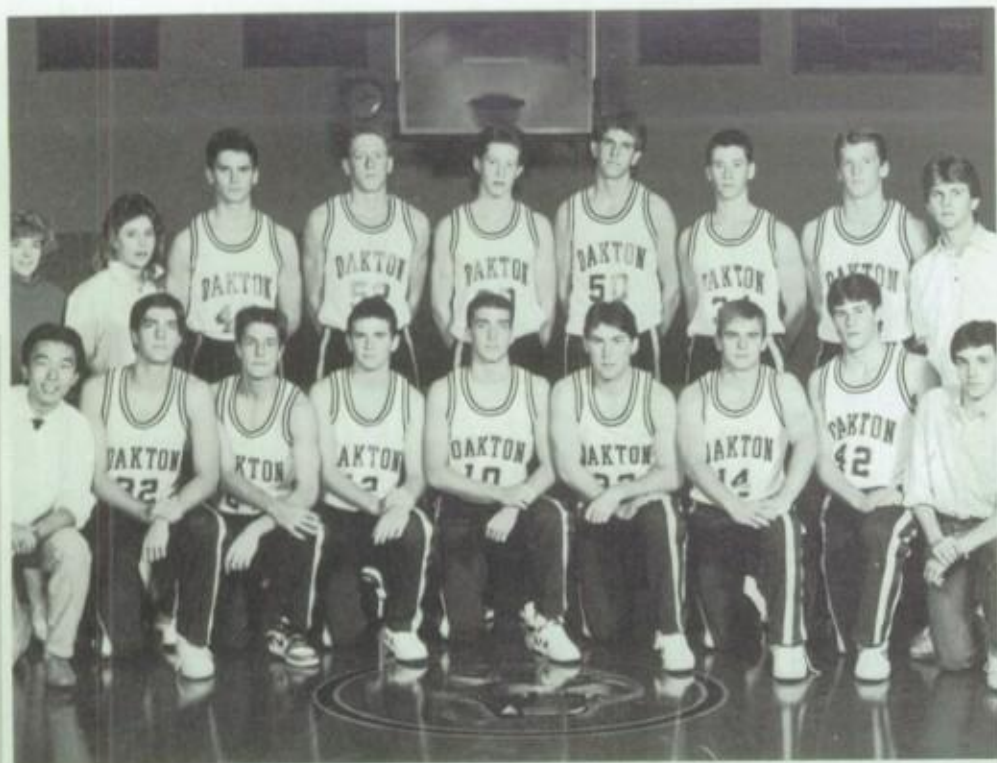
Their season had many outstanding highlights which only added to the support and enthusiasm of loyal Cougar fans. *Written by Debbie Elliot and David Cho.*



Gary Doyle shoots for two while Mike Fay and Roland Calvert wait for the rebound. *Photo by David Cho.*



Chris Turner prepares to pass the ball during the Oakton vs West Springfield game. *Photo by David Cho.*



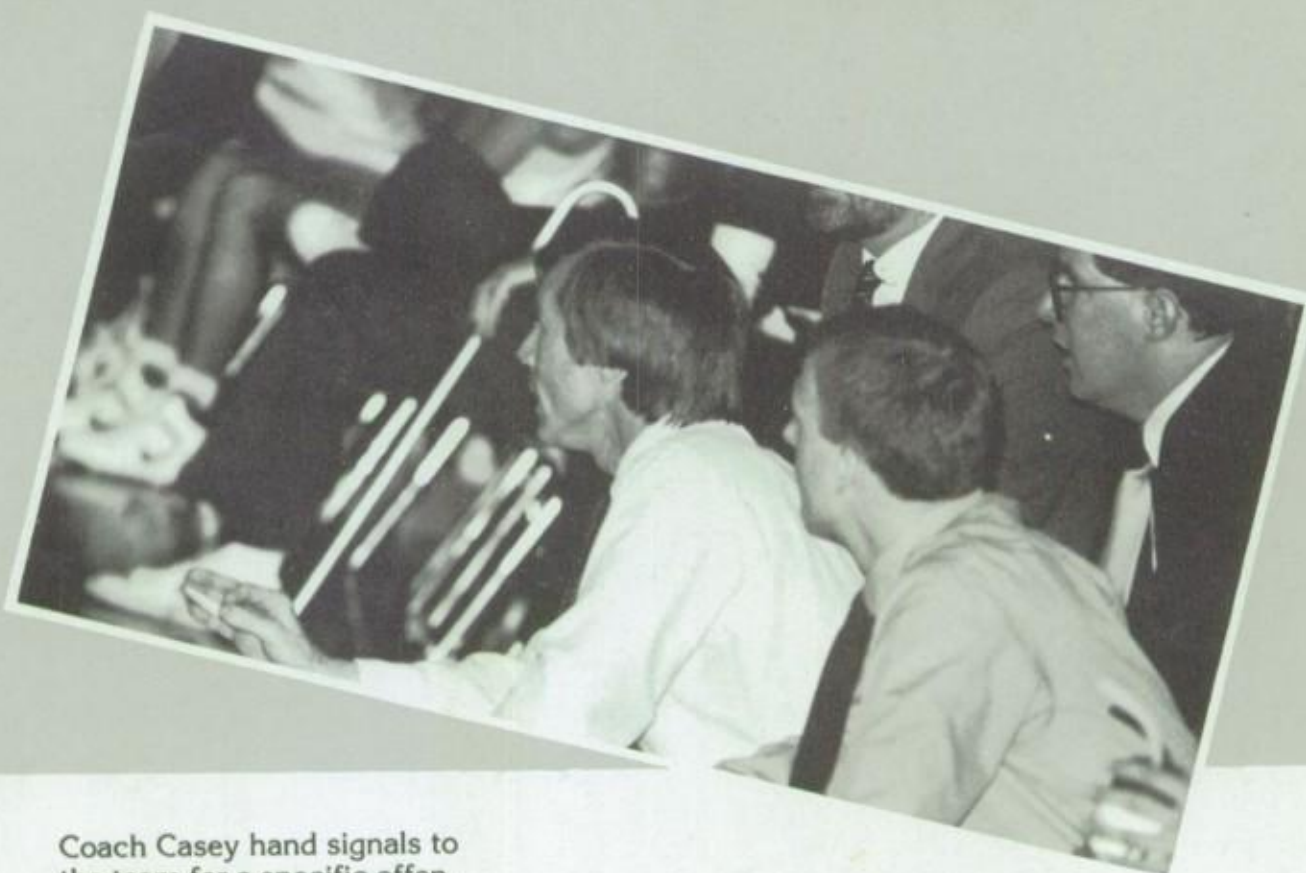
Top Row: Molly Murphy, Gina Kraay, David Mason, Mike Fay, Sean Burch, Mark Madroc, Gary Doyle, Roland Calvert, Matt Ater. Bottom Row: David Cho, Pat Miller, Chris Turner, Scooter Vertino, Mike Pflugrath, J.P. Foley, Mike Hale, Chris Scaglione, Keith McGrady.



As the crowd watches on, Mike Fay goes up for the rebound. Photo by Rex Vaughan.

Scoreboard

52.	OHS	Annandale	54
66.	OHS	Madison	57
57.	OHS	Hayfield	62
62.	OHS	Edison	69
43.	OHS	W. Potomac	55
61.	OHS	S. Lakes	56
55.	OHS	Dunbar	64
65.	OHS	S. Lakes	50
65.	OHS	T.C.	80
68.	OHS	Stuart	55
53.	OHS	W. Spring	55
60.	OHS	Mt. Vernon	62OT
62.	OHS	Robinson	83
57.	OHS	Woodson	42
52.	OHS	T.C.	48
62.	OHS	L. Braddock	71
63.	OHS	W. Spring	55
49.	OHS	Woodson	59
72.	OHS	Robinson	67OT
42.	OHS	Braddock	50
44.	OHS	Woodson	45



Coach Casey hand signals to the team for a specific offensive maneuver. The coaches play a vital role in the technical side of basketball games. Photo by Rex Vaughan.

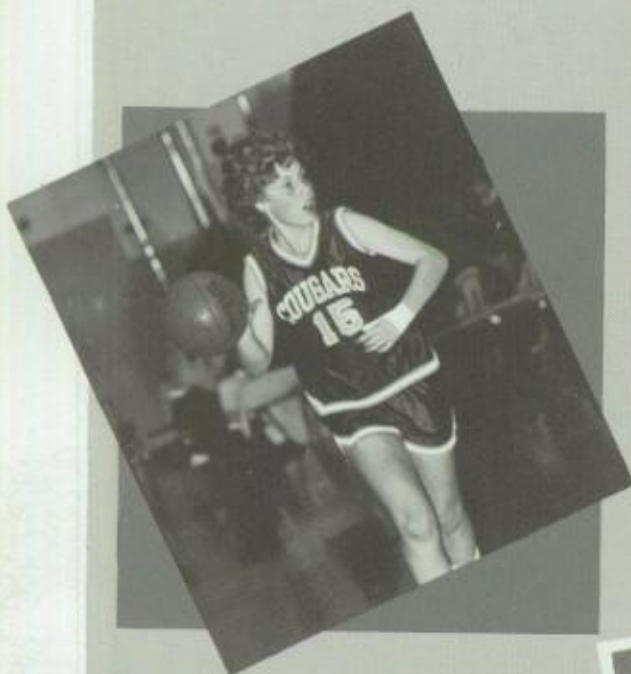
Basketball

Rula Malki steadies the ball before attempting another outside shot.

Erin McKee takes a shot while Molly Loftus waits for the rebound.

Scoreboard

47	.....	OHS-Edison	.....	31
59	.....	OHS-Annandale	.....	58
63	.....	OHS-Madison	.....	40
48	.....	OHS-Hayfield	.....	44
44	.....	OHS-W. Potomac	.....	50
53	.....	OHS-Osbourn	.....	46
42	.....	OHS-Robinson	.....	52
53	.....	OHS-GarField	.....	41
56	.....	OHS-S. Lakes	.....	55
52	.....	OHS-T.C.W	.....	31
22	.....	OHS-Stuart	.....	77
42	.....	OHS-W. Spring	.....	50



Elise Lane takes the ball down court, even with a broken thumb.

Before the game, Coach Tina Skidmore gives the Lady Cougars a last minute pep talk.





Sandy Turner and Erin McKee prepare for the rebound of Samantha Stair's two pointer.

Cathy Edmonds dribbles down the court avoiding Stuart's defense.

On Top Once More

The Varsity Lady Cougars basketball team finally tasted the sweetness of success. This was something everyone had been anticipating for a long time. The team started the season off on a high note by defeating Edison by a score of 47 to 31. They overpowered Edison by putting Oakton's Twin Towers, **Samantha Stair** & **Erin McKee's** height and point guard **Elise Lanes** aggressiveness to good use.

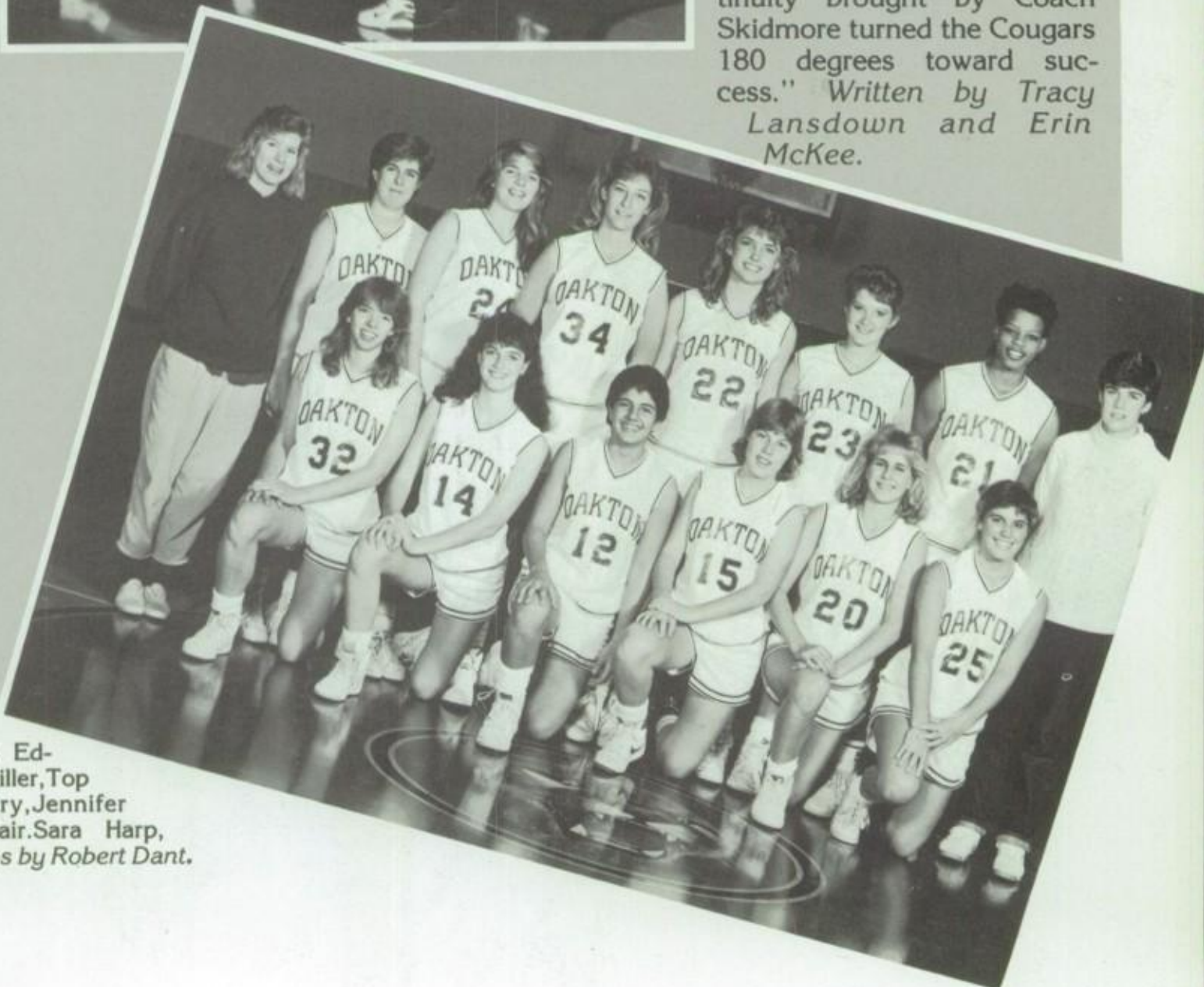
A lot of this success was due to the terrific coaching of **Tina Skidmore**, her assistant **Ken Ayers** and the fact that the team was stronger and more mature. It came as a shock to most coaches and fans that with the exception of one transfer from Louisiana, **Christine Paige**, the entire team was the same as that of three years ago. This season there was no holding back the Lady Cougars. Guard **Sara Harp** said, "This season, practically all the starters are seniors, making us stronger and wiser. We've all been through a lot of different coaches, one-game winning seasons and now we are able



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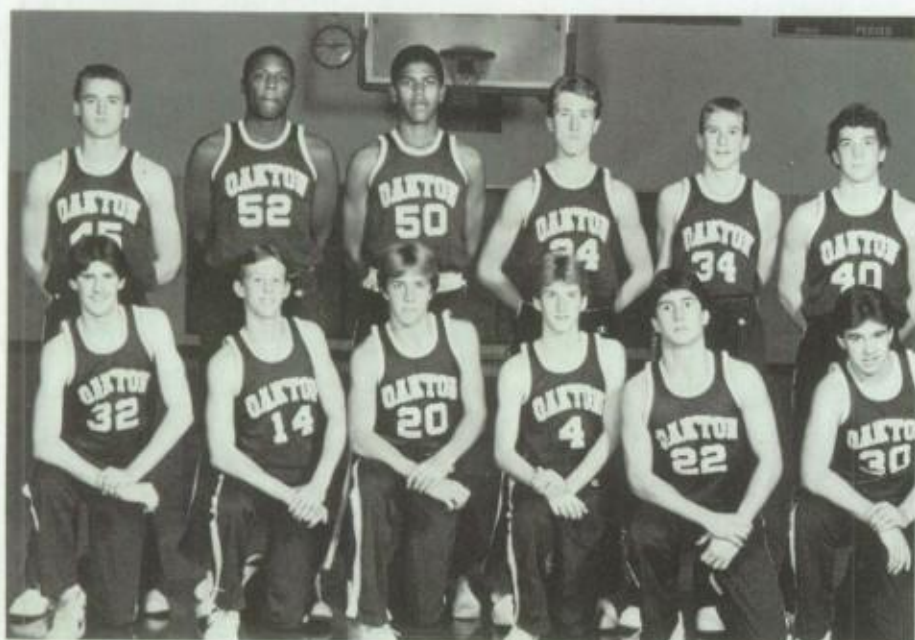
to come together to play as a team." Although the team didn't have a tough defense, it had a very high scoring offense. The team's greatest strength, however, was their size.

Co-captains were seniors **Elise Lane** and **Samantha Stair**. Fellow teammates **Sara Harp** and **Erin McKee** (selected **Athlete of the Week by the Reston Times**) demonstrated a great deal of leadership and key plays. Other key contributors were juniors **Cathy Edmonds**, **Molly Loftus**, **Jennifer Cremins**, **Rula Malki** (spectacular outside shooter), sophomores **Mary Miller**, **Christine Paige**, and talented freshman, **Carrie McKee**. "The determination of the players plus the continuity brought by Coach Skidmore turned the Cougars 180 degrees toward success." Written by Tracy Lansdown and Erin McKee.



Bottom left-Christine Paige, Cathy Edmonds, Rula Malki, Elise Lane, Mary Miller, Top left-Vicky Heilig, Meredith Vickory, Jennifer Cremins, Erin McKee, Samantha Stair, Sara Harp, Sandy Turner, Kelly Strassheim Photos by Robert Dant.

Bart Trowbridge, Chauncey Sugars, Jay Jones, David Williams, Todd Tennat, Gallen Heidrich, Alan Walters, Jason Cable, Matt Luxford, Brian Castle



Scoreboard

68	...	OHS	...	Stuart	...	55
53	...	OHS	...	WSHS	...	55
60	...	OHS	...	M. Vernon	...	62
62	...	OHS	...	Robinson	...	83
57	...	OHS	...	Woodson	...	42
62	...	OHS	...	LBHS	...	71
52	...	OHS	...	TCW	...	48
63	...	OHS	...	WSHS	...	55

Taking It All in Stride

"The J.V. Girls' Basketball team had their best year ever" Varsity coach **Tina Skidmore** stated complicitly. The J.V. Girls were coached by **Kellie Mastrodonato** and **Suzie Adam**, a graduate of George Mason. Their leading players were **Carrie McKee**, and **Ann Lipp** who averaged over 10 points a game. **Tasha Roberts**, with her awesome ball handling also lead the team. Coach Skidmore will rely on some young players to help her to a victorious season next year.

The J.V. boys team was coached by **John Windham** who has brought many improvement to the team. "We

had a lot of teamwork and improved through out the season." said coach Windham. He also added "The team had a lot of close games, and if we had fought harder in the home-stretch, we would have a better record." **Jason Cable**, who plays point guard said "Coach Windham did a very good job adjusting to a new school. Most of the time we just wouldn't hang in there, so there wasn't anything coach could do." With a new and experienced coach, and an impressive Freshman team, we can look forward to a very successful season next year. Written by *David Cho and Peggy Eales*



In a game against the Titans, Carrie McKee goes up for another strong layup. Photo by Rex Vaughan.

Assisted by teammate Michelle Boucheau, Kristie Hee works around TC's defense. Photo by David Cho.





Scoreboard

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61		OHS-S.Lakes		56
55		OHS-Dunbar		64
65		OHS-S.Lakes		50
65		OHS-TCW		80
68		OHS-Stuart		55
53		OHS-W.Spring		55

Jason Coble looks on as Clay Harbaugh sets up for a jumpshot good for two.
Photo by David Cho.



J. V. Team

Tasha Roberts, Joo Lee, Donna Drewer, Carrie McKee, Michelle Boudreau, Joanna Barber, Maryann Smith, B-Cristine Demorro, Ann Lipp, Kristy Hee, Vicky Du, Rebecca Hoglund, Lynn Lipp



In the game against the Sea Hawks Jay Jones scores again, as teammates look on. *Photo by Robert Dant.*

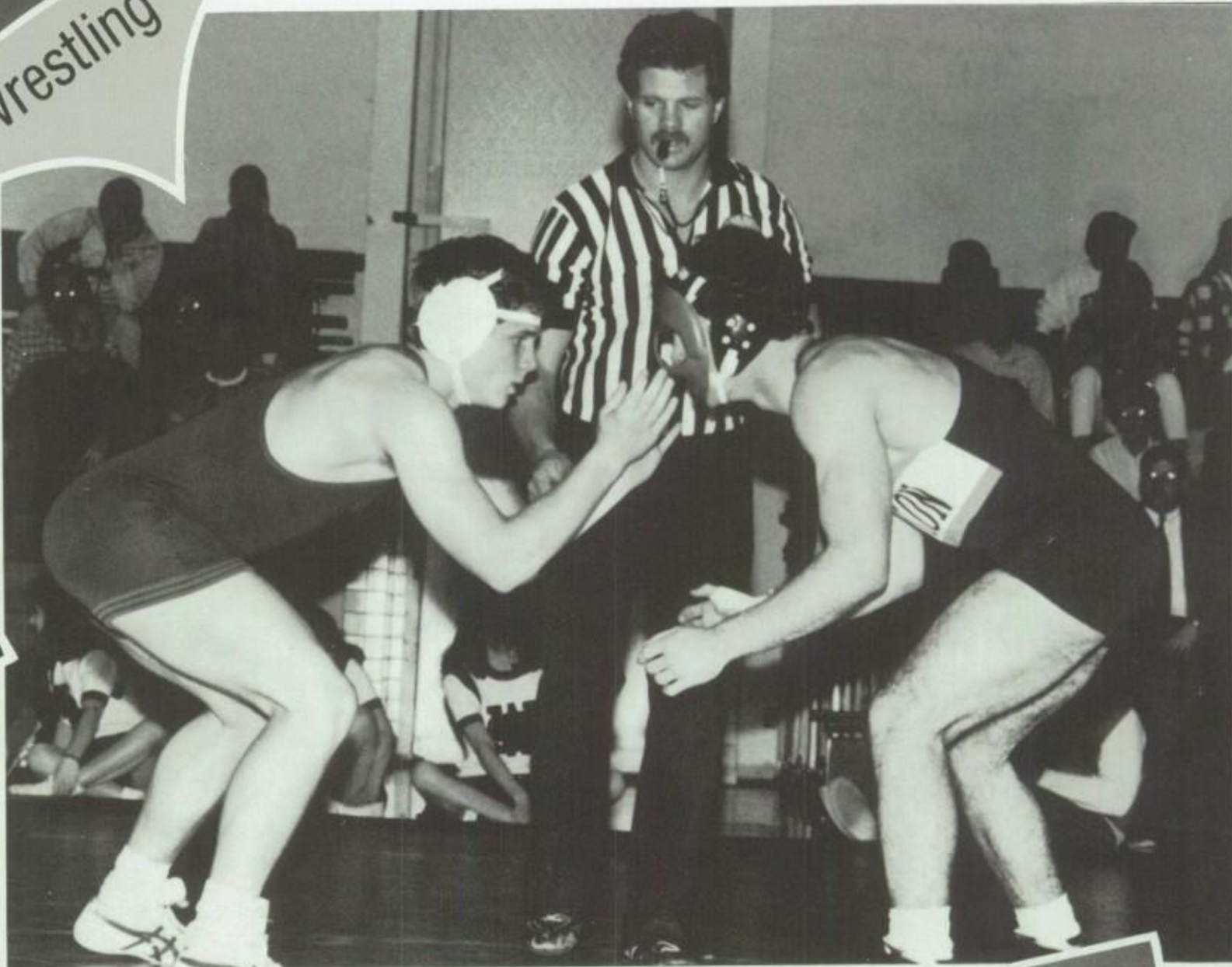


Wrestling

Blair Jenkins dances with his opponent.



Gary Shabela has a victory over his opponent at Western Branch High School.



Joe Burch sets up to attack his West Springfield opponent.

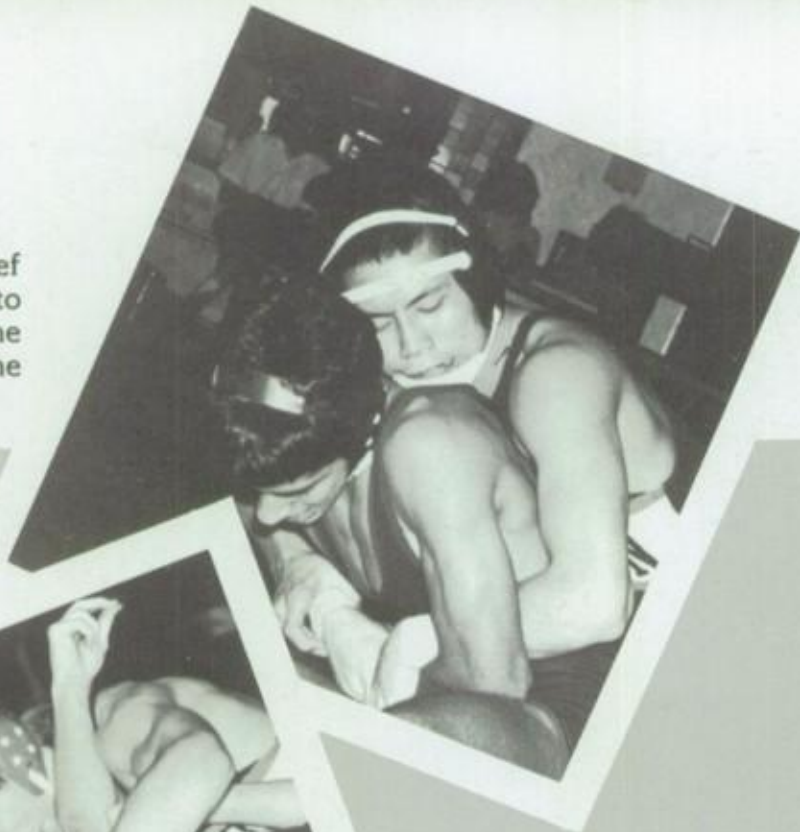
Scoreboard

46	.....	OHS-Madison	.....	19
19	...	OHS-Woodbridge	...	34
52	....	OHS-Rob.E.Lee	....	18
55	....	OHS-Wash.-Lee	....	13
42	....	OHS-Lk. Brad	....	30
33	....	OHS-Woodson	....	25
59	....	OHS-S.Lakes	....	9
34	....	OHS-Fairfax	....	26
58	....	OHS-Jefferson	....	9
15	....	OHS-Robinson	....	47
67	....	OHS-TCW	....	3
60	....	OHS-Yorktown	....	3
24	....	OHS-WSHS	....	38
20	....	OHS-W.Branch	....	20
37	....	S-Indian Riv	....	25

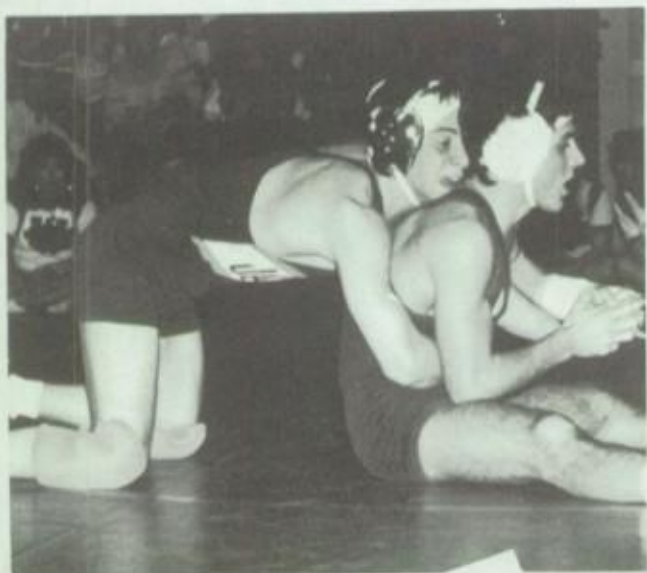


Top Row: Todd Kolacsh, Kim Twaits, Judd Harper, Joe Burch, Andy Repetta, Brent Newell, Blair Jenkins . 2nd Row: Jeff Jensen, Gary Shabela, Scott West, Tiger Teramure, Eric Ettare, Hugo Amelinck.

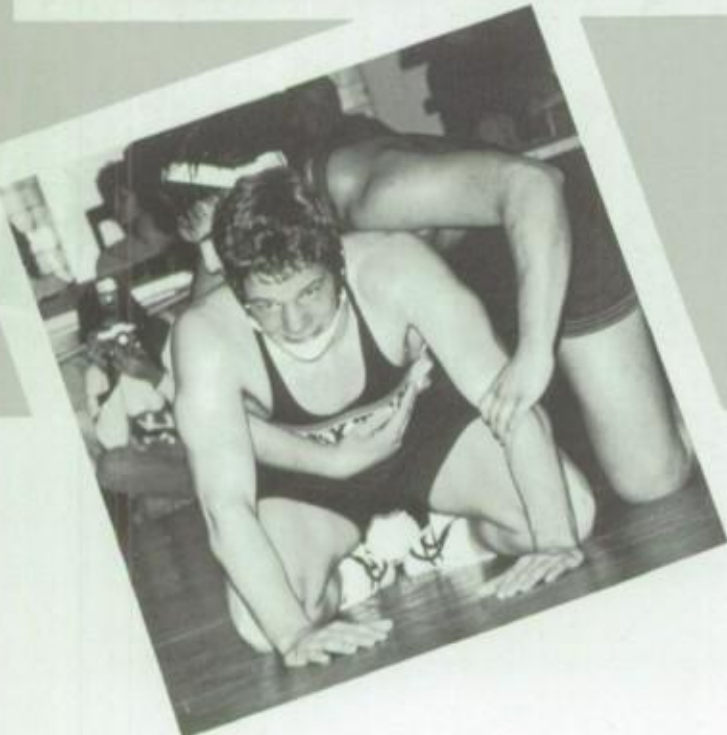
Tiger Teramura takes a brief nap on his opponent's back, to recuperate his strength for the tough battle ahead against the favored team.



After a long night of loses Kim Twaits easily pins his opponent in the first period of his match.



Gary Shabella takes a breather, while attempting to gain points on his helpless opponent.



Brent Newell psyches himself up for his match against West Springfield, while in one of the familiar starting positions.

Wrestlers Pin Down Another Season

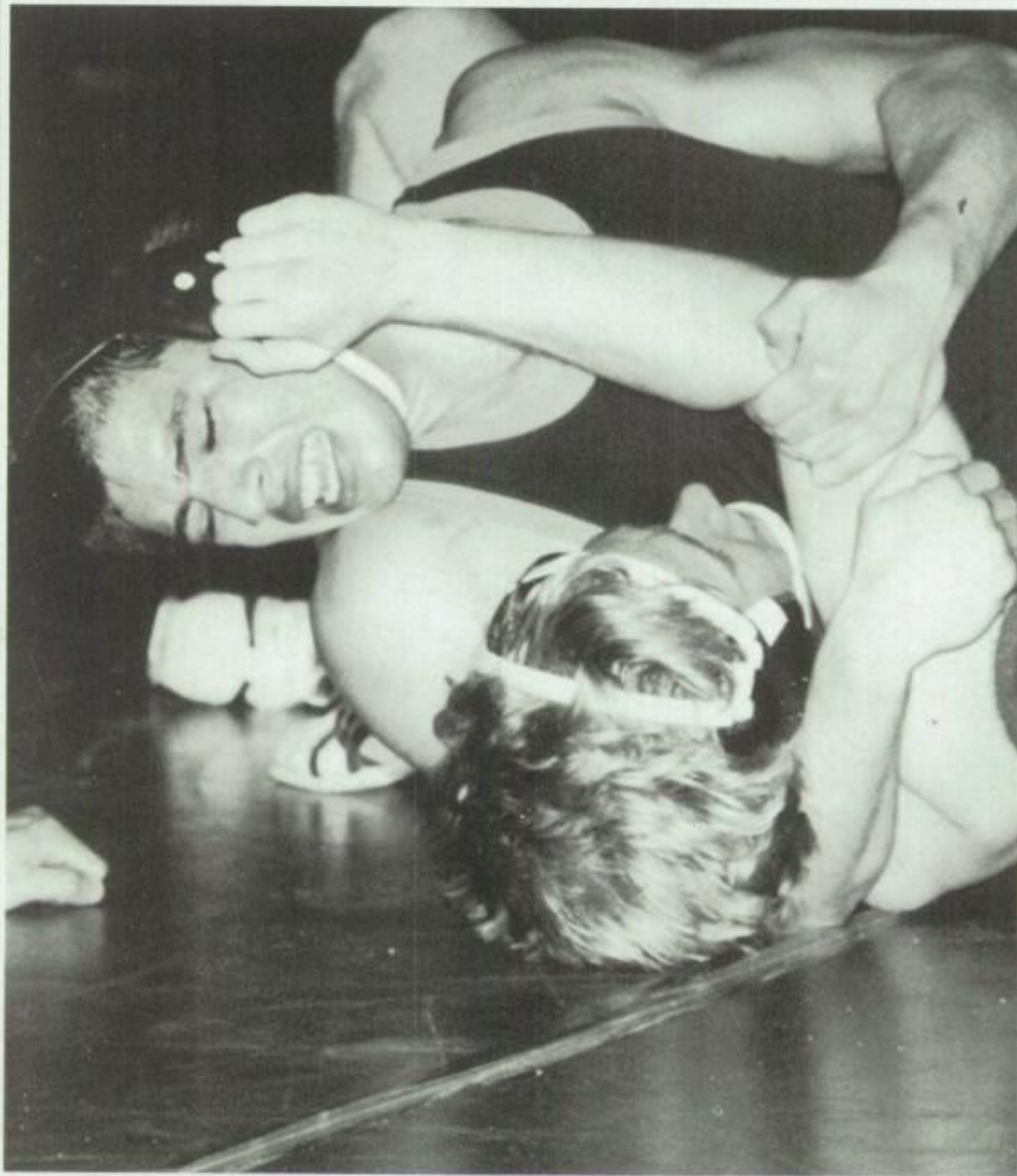
The 1986-87 Varsity Cougars Wrestling team had quite an outstanding season. With the help of top senior wrestlers **Tim Thwaites**, **Joe Burch**, and **Gary Shabella**, they lost only two meets. The new addition of Coach **Harry Vantreece** definitely enhanced the teams skills, enthusiasm and dedication. Another factor that added to their success was the support of the student body. Cougar spectators were extremely proud of their

wrestlers and didn't hesitate to show it, said ex-wrestler **Todd Kolash**, "Much of our success was the large numbers of fans that showed up to support us." "We packed the bleachers at every meet!" added number one fan **George Maoury**. With the improvements brought to the program by Coach **Vantreece** and assistant coach **Carl Spinningweber**, the program could only get better. *Written by Peggy Eales*

In a match against West Springfield, Robert Lassiter takes this Spartan down in a 1/2 nelson.

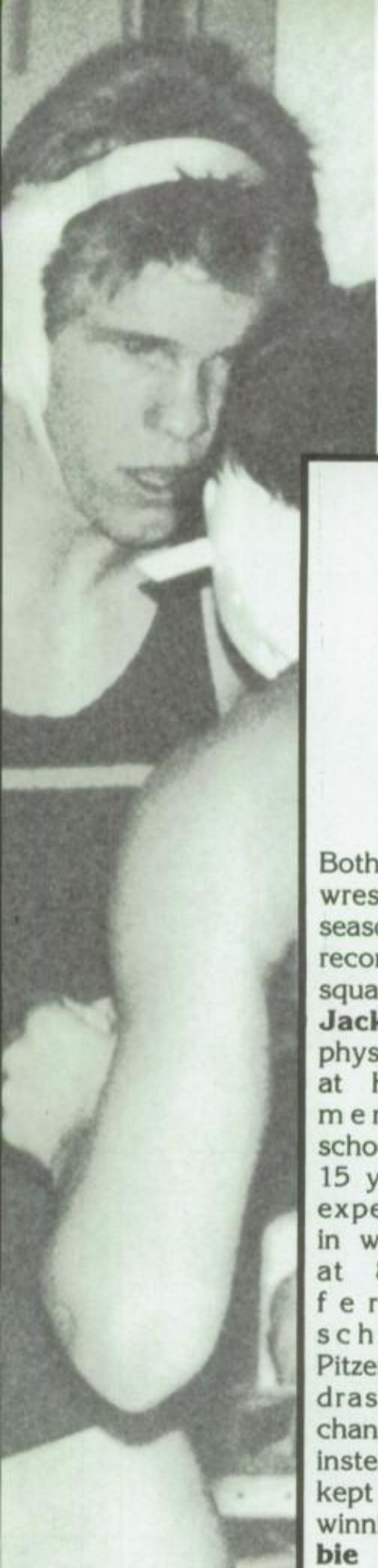


Louis Rodriquez has little problem scoring a multitude of backpoints. Photo by Robert Dant.



Front Row: Rich Westrich, Rob Hopw, Andy Wilson, Ron Musgrave, Bret Arnold. Back Row: Randy Scrapper, Louis Rodriquez, Mark Manett, Darren Miller, Bob Herman Scott Bazelli, Pat Lynch, Rob Lassiter. Photo by Robert Dant.





Tim Murphy concentrates heavily on his opponent whom he later beats in this match against West Springfield. Photo by Robert Dant.

Wrestlers Look Promising

Both the JV and Freshmen wrestlers had a great season with 6-1 and 5-0 records respectively. Both squads worked with Coach **Jack Pitze**. Pitze, a physical education teacher at Hunters Woods elementary school, has 15 years of experience in wrestling at 8 different schools. Pitze didn't drastically change Oakton wrestling, instead he successfully kept the same tradition of winning. JV wrestler, **Robbie Hope**, liked Pitze's style. Hope quotes "He's more fun, gets close to the players, and motivates you when you're out on the mat."

All teams practiced together. This gave JV and freshman squads a great opportunity to learn tips and gain experience from Varsity. Practices consisted of conditioning, push ups, running, and

many endurance exercises, in addition to the basic wrestling drills. Varsity **Coach Vantreese** said "The kids loose about 5-7 pounds of water weight daily." This was very helpful to those wrestlers

who had to maintain or lose weight to compete in their weight class. Middle weight **Louis Rodrequez**

stated "Wrestling gives you a lot of skills, balance, endurance, quickness, and control, you can play any sport."

Joshua MacNabband and **Hugo Amelink** were two outstanding individuals who recieved honorable mentions. The JV team was definitely ready to continue the winning tradition as Varsity members during the '87-'88 season." Written By: Catherine Bruce, Steve Schwartz, and Pam Scharrer

Scoreboard

54..OHS..	Madison..	16
30..OHS..	LBHS..	23
42..OHS..	WSHS..	23
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Coach Pitler is happy to talk about his 6-1 J.V. wrestling team.

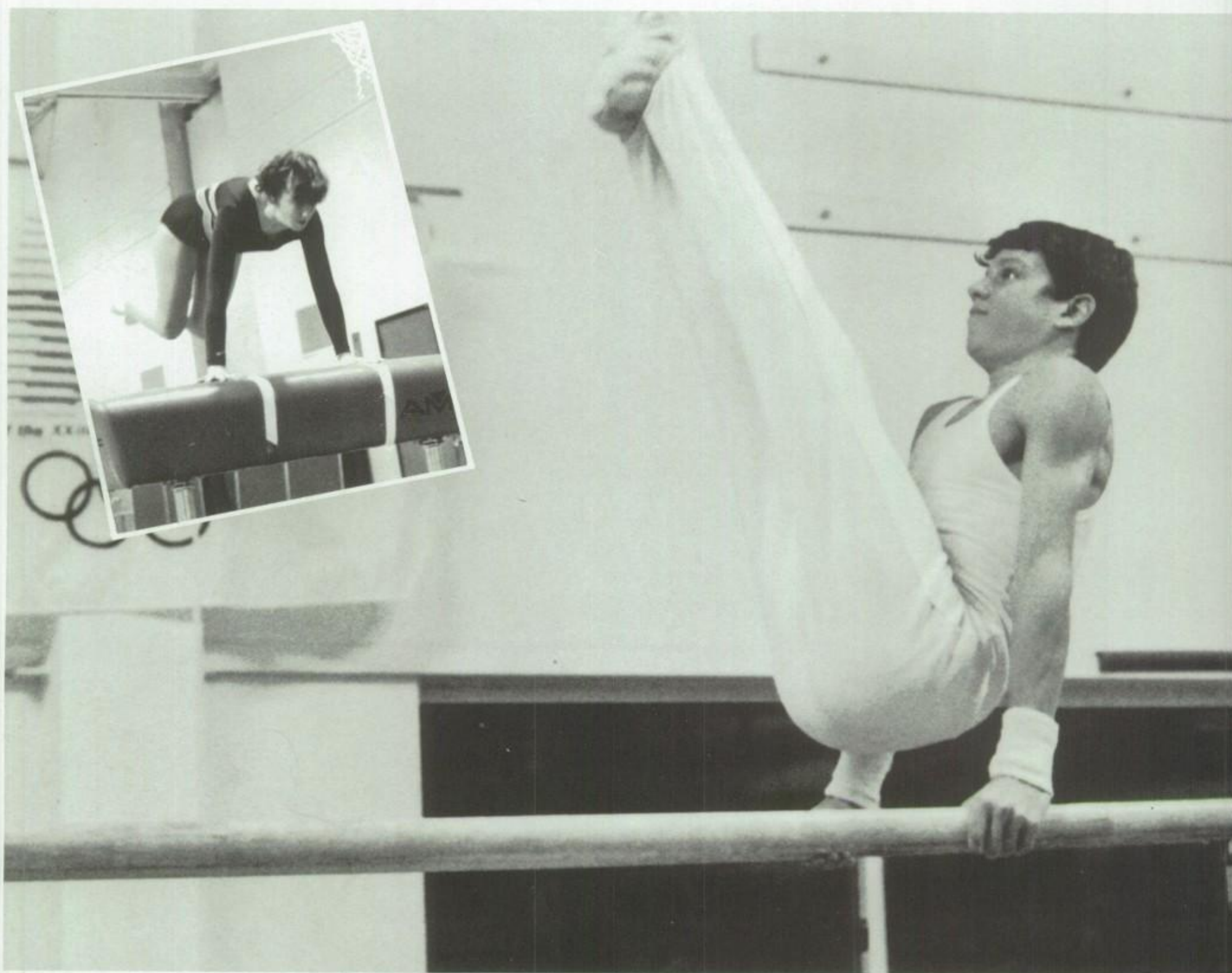


Pat Lynch making his opponent "eat the mat!"



Bob Herman continues the Oakton tradition by working his opponent into an irreversible pin.





Robin Gyles preps herself for an excellent vault in the match against Lake Braddock.

Trevor Graham concentrates deeply on his routine on the parallell bars.

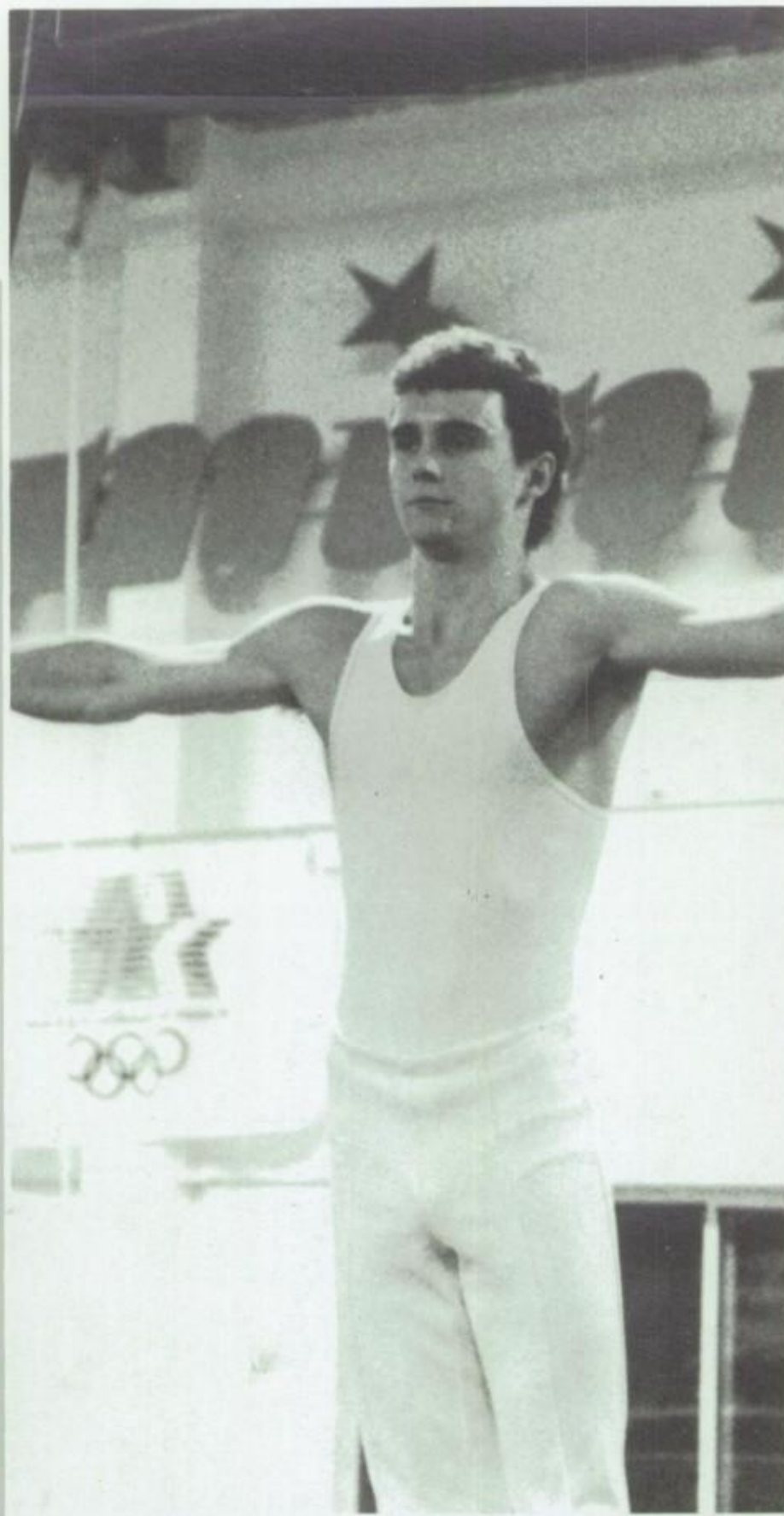
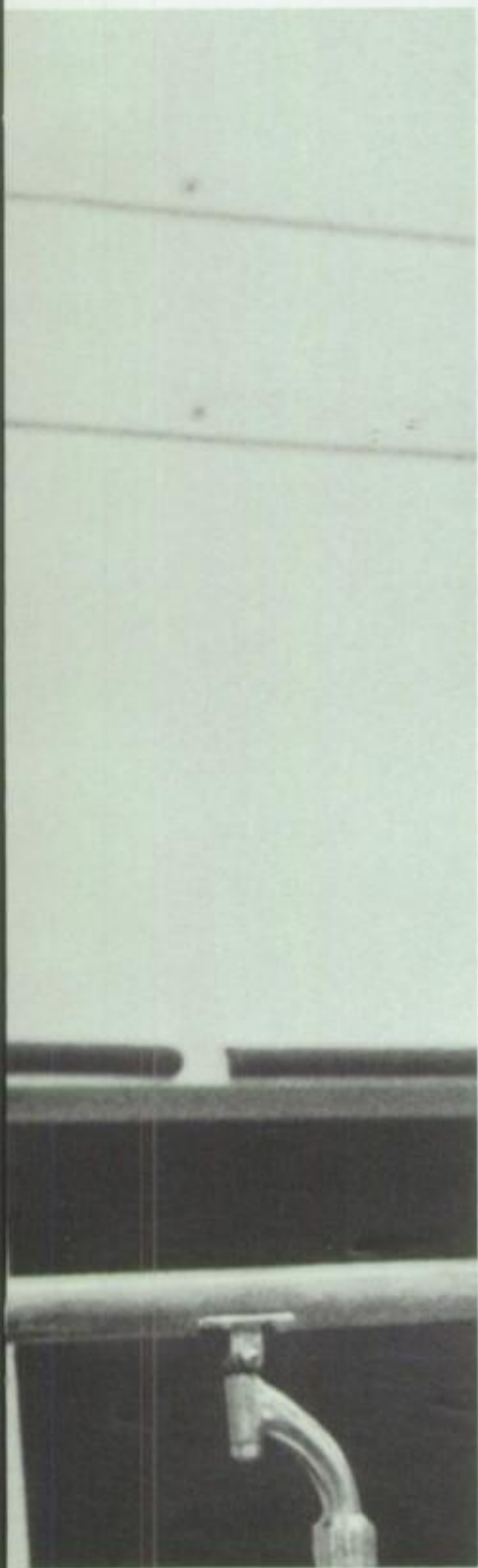
Dedicated Gymnasts

The '86 state gymnastic contenders **Wendy Scallorn, captain; Amy Lorah, co-captain; and Tina Swartz** led the team with several overall victories. Coach Settle felt that grace, skill, and attitude were the most important attributes. Tina Swartz comments about the 1986-87 season "We've always had potential as a team but this year we had the drive to win."

The three outstanding male gymnasts were Trevor Graham, sopho-

more; Curtis Lewis, junior; and Scott Shepard, junior. They competed for Oakton but had to work out at South Lakes High School since Oakton didn't have a coach.

Scott Sherpard, team captain, said, "Most people didn't realize how physically and mentally demanding the sport of gymnastics is, however, it is a very satisfying sport." *Written by Pam Scharrer*



Scott Shepard demonstrates his strength on the rings, by doing an Iron Cross without showing any pain.

Scoreboard (Girls)

128.85 . . . OHS — Woodson . . .	125.50
121.05 . . . OHS — L. Brad. . . .	167.65
132.95 . . . OHS — Robinson . . .	140.55
132.95 . . . OHS — W. Spring. . .	169.45

Tina Swartz, Amy Lorah, and Wendy Scallorn show the closeness between the girls on the gymnastics team after a match.



Amy Krueger executes a walkover on the balance beam in the match against W. T. Woodson.

Top Row: Coach Ms. Tyra Settle, Jenni Whitehead, Robin Gyles, Amy Krueger, Tricia Keller, Tina Swartz, Shannon Volgt, Mngr. Jennifer Dunne, Mngr. Kathleen Colin. Middle Row: Mona Omoda, Wendy Whiteoak, Nikki Berg, Mandy Stites Bottom in splits: Capt. Wendy Scallorn, Co Capt. Amy Lorah

Swimming

Eric Weidnew doesn't seem to be nervous before his meet.

Front Row: S. Howard, M. Marshall, A. Taylor, L. Buthen, A. Craighill, C. Symson
Second Row: J. Dillman, J. Isaacson, M. Giazuinto, K. Envall, R. Ellis, K. Quinlivan, K. Limbach
Back Row: Coach E. Johnson, K. Flynn, J. Wrynn, S. Smith, J. Cole, T. Luthen, J. Gorondy, C. Smith, B. Gillespie, Ass't Coach N. Silverstein
Photo by David Cho



Front Row: R. Mcneish, T. Bolenden, P. Goetz, G. Mullen, S. Hutchison, M. Morgan
Second row: A. Snow, D. Henrickson, S. Stansberry, B. Juhl, J. Mangels, F. Hopkins, A. Scott, S. Lawrence, J. Weisssoatten
Back Row: Coach Johnson, J. Nunez, B. Reed, T. Raynon, S. Cole, B. Weidner, M. Hudson, S. Mcneish, G. Malkerson, D. Brittan, E. Weidnew, R. Morgan, K. Bracht, N. Silverstein
Photo by David Cho



An Oakton swim team member approaches the wall for a quick flip turn and a strong finish.

Carey Symson completes her race with a strong win over Lake Braddock. *Photos by Jonathan Wichlacz*





A Record Breaking Season

The swim team had an impressive season. They broke a total of 11 records this past season. The girls had their share with six. Senior **Carey Sympson**, was the top swimmer for the girls. She broke the school record for 200 IM; 220.99, the 100 free-style; 55.7, and the 100 back; 103.64. Freshman **Kelly Flynn**, broke the 200 free-style with the time of 206.9. The 200 medley relay team won their meet with the time of 200.62. The team consisted of **Carey Sympson, Kelly Flynn, Jenny**

Corondy, and Tiffany Luther.

The 400 freestyle relay was broken by **Karen Backofen, Jenny Cole, Kelly Flynn** and **Carey Sympson** with a time of 403.82.

The boys did a superb job as well. Senior **Darrel Goetz** broke the school record with a 200 medley; 2:06.72 and breast; 103.49. Senior **Steve Cole** broke the 100 freestyle record with the time of 49.32 and 100 back; 58.16. The 400 freestyle team consisted of; **Todd Raynor, Brad Juhl,**

Darrel Goetz. Their record was set at 325.49. Coach, Eric Johnson, has been with the team for the past three years, "he did a great job this year, as well as the previous years," says the team. The two big meets of the year were at Lee District and Regionals at Wakefield in February. **Kelly Flynn**, who set the 200m freestyle record, predicts, "We will break all the top records next year." The future looks bright for Kelly and her teammates. *Written by Michelle Wang/Allyson McCann*

Garrett Mullen, Ass't Coach Nancy Silvenstein, Darrell Goetz, and Brandon Weidner step out of the locker room after a the debriefing of the meet against Lake Braddock, in which they went over the match strategies so they can improve on their next performance.



Danny Henrickson psyches himself up for his next race by listening to his walkman. *Photo by Jonathan Wichlacz*

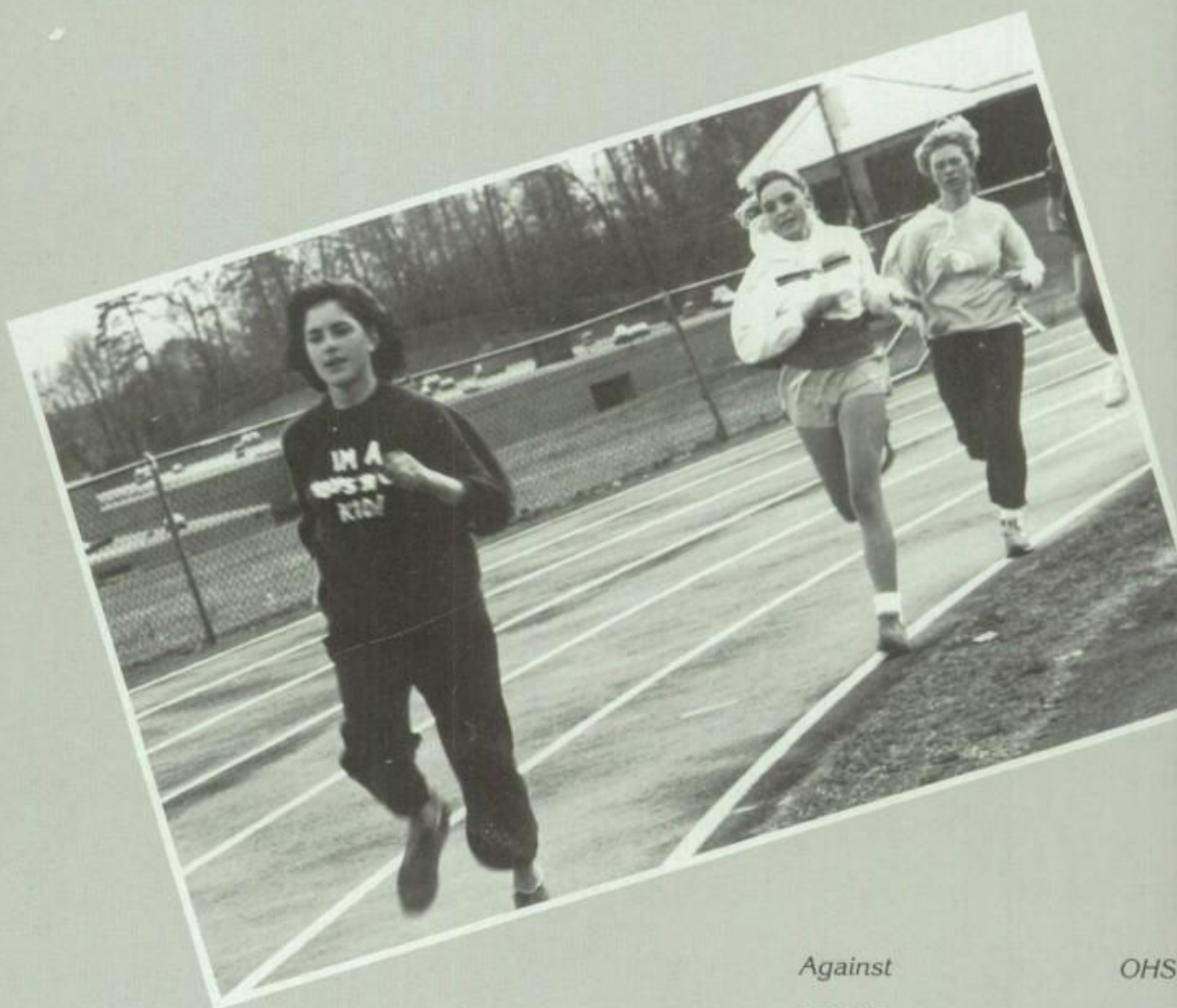
Waiting for the starting gun can be one of the most enervating point in a swim meet, but after they dive into the pool, the swimmers are thinking of only one thing, and that is: "Are my shorts still on?"

Front row: Arron Dodds, Pat Mohile, Teddy Harris, Jamie Grim, Blaine Jiron, John Teitman, Wayne Penn, Second row: Wade Rollens, Derrick Triggs, Chris Hasty, Chris Libeau, Brian Rice, Scott Sckshewsky, Zack Lowe, Dennis Clard, Third row: Besam Musleh, Lorenzo Bonds, Shawn Hoban, Moe Duckett, Russell Brooks, Robert Brooks, Gary Doyle, Eugene Chung, Greg Varholy, Stephen Stiles, Ronald Bagley, JD Gibbs, Kevin Barnes, David Brock, Scott Watson, Rand Chubon, fourth row: Bret Butler, Dante Ricci, Tim Thrash, Shaw Berg, Tery Jacobson, Charles Young, Derrick Boucheau, fifth row: Mark Mandroc, Andy Burns, Bobby Sigler, Shawn Burch, Grey Mann, Shawn McNeish

Muffet Monteverde leads the pack of distance runners in practice.



Tracy Lansdown practices up for an upcoming event in the 200 meter run.



Against	OHS
TC Williams	Won
Robinson	Lost
LBH	Rained Out
West Spring	Won
WT Woodson	Won



Sang Lee, Bobby Sihler, Dante Ricci, and Chris Libeau are stunned when they are told they must run 30 laps.



Moe Duckett rests after a hard day of practice.



Bottom Row: L Hoskins, J Hansborough, G Sharp, T Lansdown, S Stair, K Bellamy, S Glass, T Jacobsen, J Barber, R Høglund, 2nd row: D Daigler, B Gyles, L Tucker, I Soyangco, R Volentine, D Ellis, T Bell, 3rd row: S Smith, C Hattendorf, E Byrne, S Gibowitz, A Dubay, K Kisly, M Monteverde, C Garcia, J Stone, T Todrigby, B Byers, P Ellsion, L Rice, A Perdew, L Wiesman, J Kreutz, J Crosby

Changes Renew Hopes

Sweat, suffering, and pain are the price a person must pay to succeed and become a great runner. Oakton kept up its good tradition in track last year, the boy's team finishing the season with three wins and one loss in dual meet competitions.

Top returning members from last year's team included **Wayne Penn** in the 800 meter and relays, **Jim Scott** and **Bobby Sihler** in the hurdles, **Blain Jiron**, **Eugene Chung**, and **Jamie Grimm** in the shot put and discus events, **Moe Duckett** in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, **Tim Thrash** in the 400, **Gary Doyle** in the high jump, and **Sang Lee** in the horizontal jumps. The top returning veteran girl this year was **Tracy Lansdown**.

This year's team benefitted with the addition of many new members; the girls team gained more people than the team has had in recent memory. The brightest newcomer was Freshman **Rachael Valentine** who already started making a name in the district. After many years of coaching the girl's track team, Coach

Doris Grill was sadly missed, but the new girl's coach, **Al Fish** filled her absence well. Oakton also added a new distance coach when **Kevin Lawrence** joined the team. The boy's team welcomed returner **Robert Brooks** in the 100 and 200, and newcomer **Dante Ricci** in the long sprints. Hopes ran high this year as Sophomore **Bobby Sihler** put it, "With the hard-working attitudes of the coaches the team members were able to reach their full potential". Coach **Drexel George** feels better about the team this year even with the loss of last year's athletes, because he feels it makes the younger members work harder to make up for their absence. He also praised his veteran leaders, who have run for him for many years, and rising new stars. Junior **Dante Ricci** summed up the attitude of the Oakton track program by saying, "With a lot of effort and individual skill, our team should reach the top!" *Written by Steve Thrash with the help of brother, Tim Thrash*

Experience in Playing the Field

The 1986 Varsity Baseball season closed with the Cougars 10-8. The team's overall batting average was .282. Top batters were **Jay Friedl** and **Brad Lenz** with a .406 average and **Jim McCusker** with a .368 average. The overall fielding average for the team was .889. **Mike Hall** led the fielding with a .985. **Pat Miller** (.957) and **John Cook** (.945) were also outstanding in the field. **Mike Hall**, **Jay Friedle**, and **Bob Timmins** made the 1986 All-District Baseball Team. **Mike Hall** was also a member of the 1986 All-Regional team. The pitchers were led by **Bob Timmins** who finished with a 6-4 record. The

pitching crew's total earned run average was 3.349. **Sergio Spitale**, **Phil Kendle**, and **Mark Walkup** were the leading pitchers for the 1987 season. **Coach Hall** described **Pat Miller** as an "outstanding outfielder", **Mike Hall** as the "best all around player", and **John Cook** as the "best hitter" on the 1987 squad. **Dan Fitzgerald**, a transfer from New Jersey, added a new dimension to the team. Returning key players included: **Brad Lenz**, **Rob June**, and **Sean Wardlow**. Loaded with experience and talent, the 1987 team showed a great deal of promise. *Written by Cathy Knicely*

Brad Lenz concentrates on hurling the ball with accuracy. *Photo by Rex Vaughn*
Rob June attempts to beat the runner to the base using his throwing tactics. *Photo by Rex Vaughn*



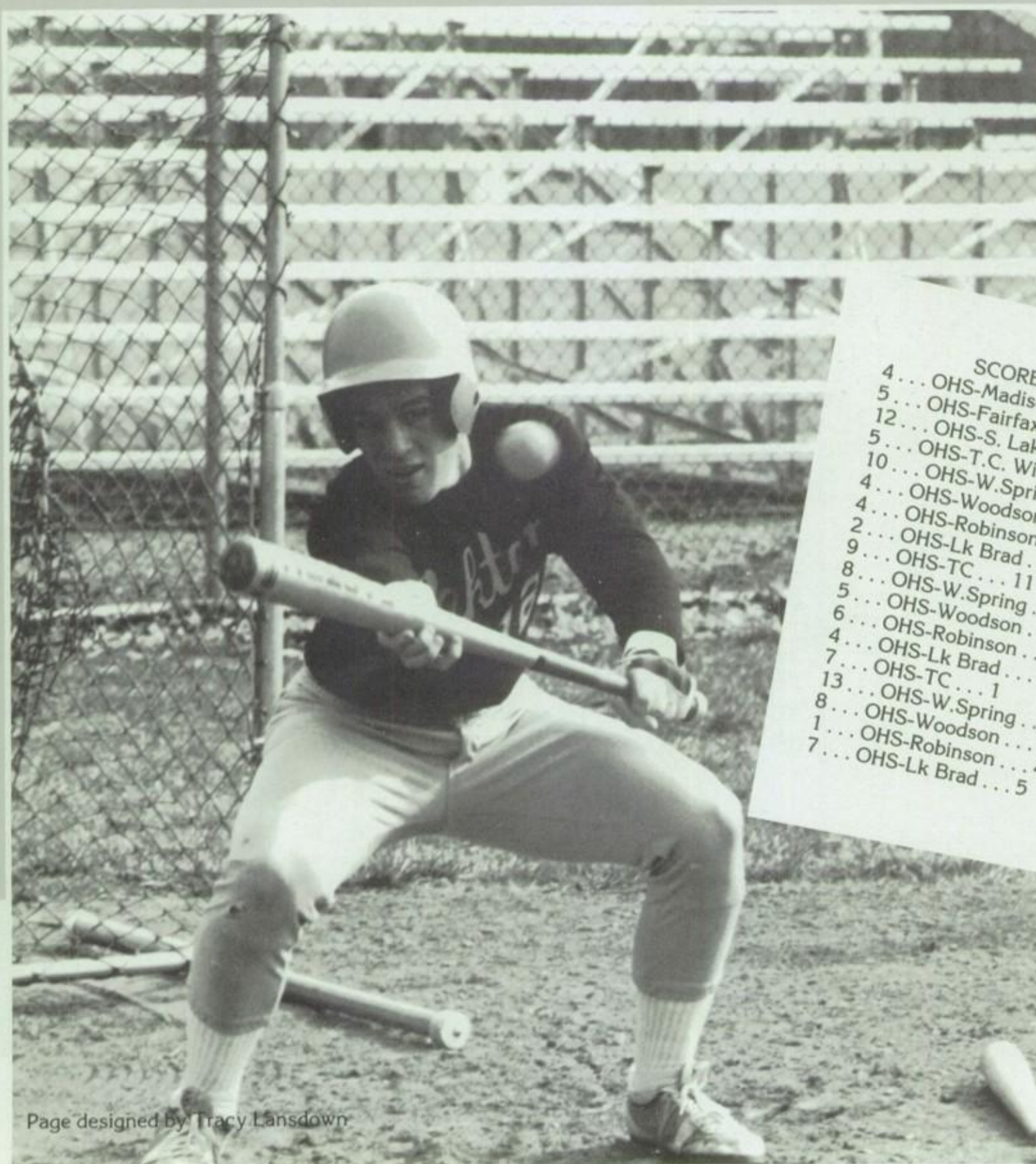
Front-**Rob June**, **Jim McCusker**, **Chuck Gill**, **Mike Hall**, **Danny Fitzgerald**, **Duke Moore** Middle-**David Trought** (manager), **John Cook**, **Jeff Morgan**, **Sergio Spitale**, **Paul Webber**, **Paul Phillips**, **Mike Mercer** Back-**Phil Kennel**, **Jeff Grass**, **Pat Miller**, **Sean Wardlow**, **Mark Walkup**, **Brad Lenz** *Photo by Rex Vaughn*





Mike Mercer makes a save and prepares to try to make it a double play. *Photo by Rex Vaughn*

Mike Hall gets down and dirty to make a catch. *Photo by Rex Vaughn*



SCOREBOARD

4...	OHS-Madison...	2
5...	OHS-Fairfax...	10
12...	OHS-S. Lakes...	6
5...	OHS-T.C. Will...	3
10...	OHS-W.Spring...	9
4...	OHS-Woodson...	0
4...	OHS-Robinson...	6
2...	OHS-Lk Brad...	6
9...	OHS-TC...	11
8...	OHS-W.Spring...	9
5...	OHS-Woodson...	4
6...	OHS-Robinson...	7
4...	OHS-Lk Brad...	12
7...	OHS-TC...	1
13...	OHS-W.Spring...	4
8...	OHS-Woodson...	1
1...	OHS-Robinson...	4
7...	OHS-Lk Brad...	5

Faking out the competition by bunting is John Cook. *Photo by Rex Vaughn*

Before the scrimmage against Langley High School, Lori Williams, pitcher, warms up her arm. *photo by Steve Schwartz*

During practice, veteran player, Maggie Anderson prepares to receive the ball. *photo by Robert Dant*



Top row (left to right): Kelly DuBose, Coach Reynolds, Kristen Clegg, Molly Murphy, Nicole Kinnan, Stacey Blackwell, Michelle Rupp, Michell Wieting, Coach Schirf, Vicki Heilig. **Middle Row:** Reese Forte, Tiffany Miller, Maggie Anderson, Susan Hodges, Jenny Coyner. **Bottom row:** Mary Miller, Lori Williams, Kristyn Walter. *photo by Steve Schwartz*



Coach Reynolds cheers on the Oakton Team during the scrimmage against Langley. *photo by Steve Schwartz*



During the Langley scrimmage, Jenny Coyner hits a homerun to add to the Cougar's victory. *photo by Steve Schwartz*



6...OHS-FHS...5
 10...OHS-AHS...2
 5...OHS-WTW...3
 2...OHS-Rob...3
 8...OHS-LBH...5
 6...OHS-WSH...7
 2...OHS-Rob...8
 2...OHS-WTW...3
 8...OHS-LBH...2
 10...OHS-TCW...3
 12...OHS-TCW...2
 1...OHS-WSH...8
 5...OHS-WTW...4
 1...OHS-ROB...2
 2...OHS-LBH...7
 9...OHS-TCW...8
 1...OHS-WSH...3

As a Langley player sprints to first base, Tiffany Miller gets ready to catch the ball that ended the inning. photo by Steve Schwartz



Only the Best

The 1986 season was, by far, one of the best for the varsity softball team in several years. They placed third in the regular season, second in the district tournament and third in the regional tournament. The 1986 season also contained some firsts for the varsity team. It was the first time they had beaten West Springfield for as long as anyone could recall and it was the first time that an Oakton varsity softball team had ever gone to the regional tournament. With **Coach Reynolds** returning and several veteran players, the team showed more improvement in one season than in past seasons. "No one expects girls' sports to progress as rapidly as the team did. They proved it could be done," explained **Mary Kaye Schirf**, the new assistant coach.

The most intense game played during the 1986 season was the district game against West Springfield. Oakton had lost its previous games against them throughout the season and winning this game would advance them to regionals. Both

teams had a very tight defense which made scoring very difficult. Oakton won the game when **Tiffany Miller** hit a triple with the bases loaded, West Springfield could not come back.

Although Oakton was eliminated after losing a close game to Marshall, in the regional tournament, Oakton proved that they would not quit. This game was very close since teams were equal in skill and determination. There were good defensive plays by both teams, and **Michelle Rupp's** pitching kept hits to a minimum. Although Oakton lost this game and was eliminated from the tournament, the team was still excited with the fact that they made it that far.

Jill Ruff, Maggie Anderson, Nicole Kinnan, Susan Hodges, Tiffany Miller and Michell Rupp returned to add the experience and maturity to an otherwise young but talented team. With **Coach Reynolds** and **Coach Schirf** there to guide them, the 1987 season looked just as promising as the 1986 season was. *Written by Tina John*

Nicole Kinnan catches a grounder during a scrimmage.





Although it is a grounder, **Tiffany Luther's** hit is good for a single during their scrimmage.



Optimism Increasing

The J.V. Baseball and Softball teams have one key idea in common to help them to success: optimism.

Second in the district for the 1985-1986, the J.V. Softball team has four returning players. **Coach Martz** commented, "We're pretty much a new team." At the same time she is confident that the team will really do well. The 16 member team is very close knit and works

hard together. Captains **Kristi Hee** and **Tiffany Luther** agree that the girls get along a lot better this year and there is a "better attitude" among them. **Kristi Hee** remarked that "the Freshmen are good this year. We'll have a better team next year."

The young coaches **Terri Smith** and **Carol Martz**, gave the team a good technique work and even practiced with them sometimes. "The

coaches make a big difference!", said **Nicole Cooke**.

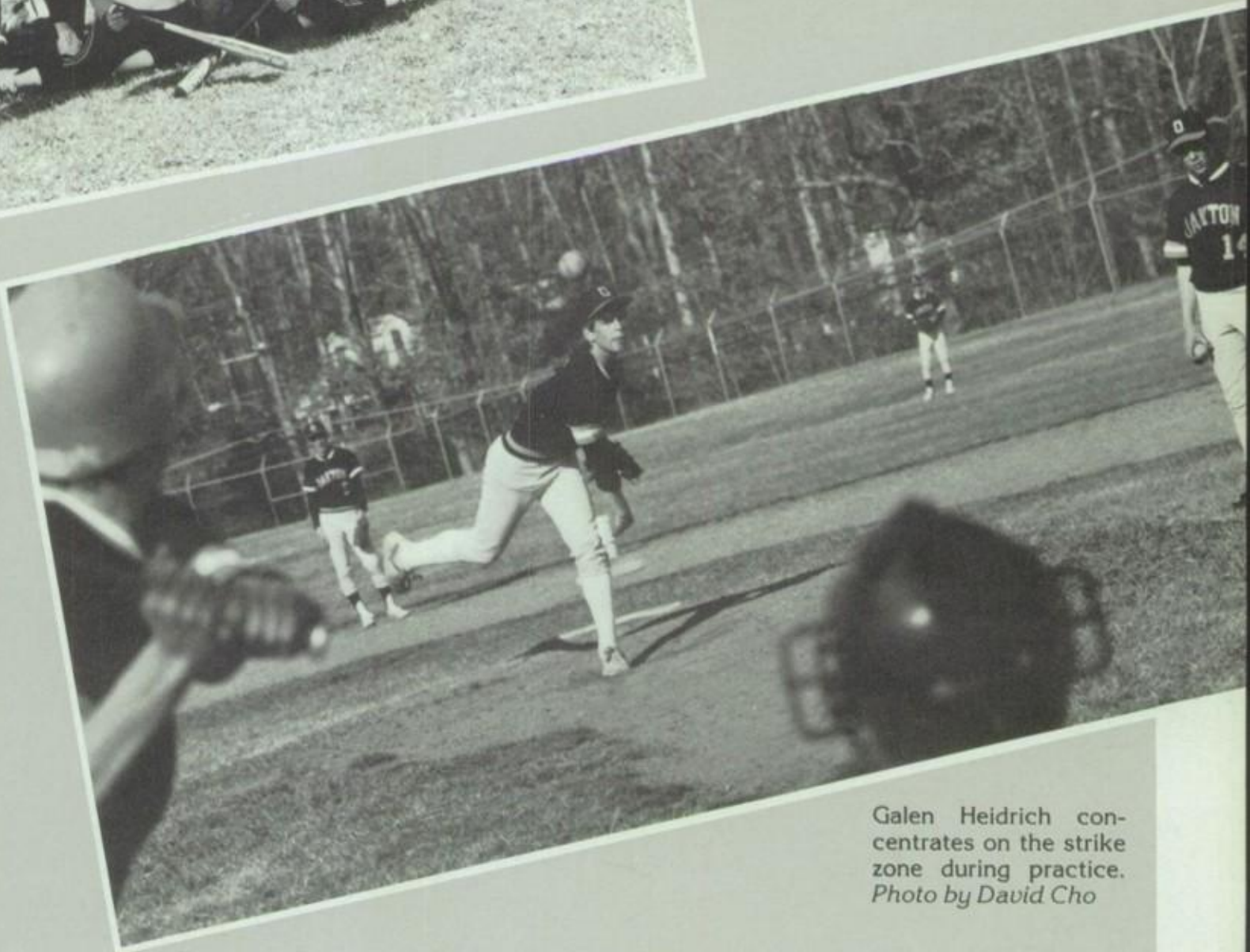
The J.V. Baseball team also plays in the toughest district in the region. Like the girls, the team practiced well together. Key players include **Justin Dobson**, (3rd baseman), **Galen Heidrich**, (short stop/pitcher), and **Jason Phillips**, (catcher) which were 3 of 7 sophomores returning from last year. Coach **Phil Jessop**,

new to Oakton, came from Stuart High School. The team feels that he is a good coach with a lot of new ideas. **Jason Phillips** confidently said, "We will definitely improve from last year!" The boys played a great first scrimmage, which proved already they had improved. All in all the teams demonstrated that optimism was the key to success. Written by **Amy Jones** and **Steve Schwartz**



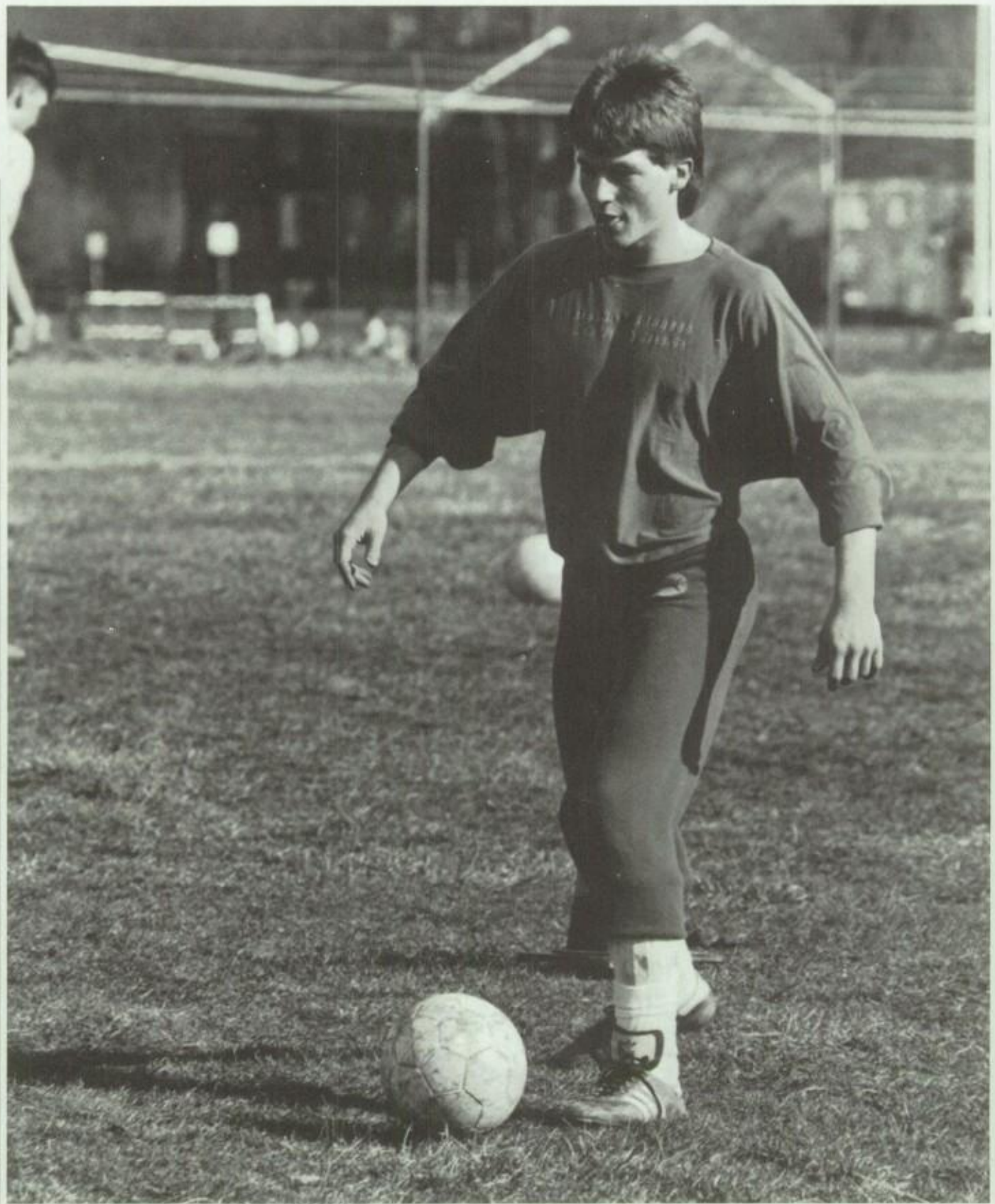
Back (l-r): Coach Martz, Jennifer, Nicole Cooke, Mary Ann Smith, Cindy Anderson, Jennie Cole, Donna Drewyer, Tammy McGraw, Leah Lauderback, Karen Ebbe, Coach Smith **Middle Row (l-r):** Gretchen Hummell, Sridevi Sarma, Stacey O'Callahan, Shelly Batenga, Keke Hitchcock, Kim Weber **Front (l-r):** Kristi Hee, Tiffany Luther

The Oakton JV Baseball team practices hitting and fielding in the spring of '87.



Galen Heidrich concentrates on the strike zone during practice.
Photo by David Cho





Todd Kolash sticks out his tongue to help him play a more aggressive game.



Joe Volk dribbles around Mike Shimp to go for the gusto.

Garrit Rosenbuam's concentration is distracted by the flash of the camera.



Kicking to the Top

The Varsity Boys soccer team got their season off to a good start. They won their first game 5-4 against Jefferson High. **Chris Scaglione**, one of this year's key players, scored the first goal of the season.

Vantrees, first year coaching, said "We'll do well this year as long as we avoid injuries." He coached the wrestlers during the winter, and brought them to a

winning record. He hopes to do the same with the soccer team.

This year's team was very competitive because of the many returning players. The 1987 team includes the following seniors: **Chris Scaglione, Joe Volk, Todd Kolash, Ian MacNabb, J.P. Foley, Tim Murphy, Mike Shimp, Mike Phallen, Mark Devido, Rich Frame, and Rich Nyron.** The goalies were **Ian Mac-**

Nabb and **Eric Parvin**, both did an excellent job stopping the other teams goals.

Coach **Vantree's** assistant coach, **Todd West**, was a Senior at George Mason University. West helped out by doing conditioning and skill work with the Oakton guys. They both hoped that the everyday practices from 3:00 until 4:30 would pay off. *written by Michelle Clarke*



Back row: Tim Berry, Meril Farrar, Mike Pflugrath, Chris Scaglione, Mike Shimp, Mark Devido, Mike Phallen, David Maorina, **middle row:** Vic Kochuba, Garrett Rosenbaum, Rich Dyron, Ian MacNabb, Eric Parvaon, Tim Murphy, J.P. Foley, Joe Volk, **front row:** Joe Kochuba, John Scott, Chris Nyren, Todd Kolash

Tim Berry takes the ball down field to go for a goal.



Joe Kashuba passes the ball to his teammate to take the ball down field.



Soccer



Jeannie Monaghan kicks the ball with technique and style. *Photo by Robert Dant*

During a heading progression drill, Katrina Volentine bumps the soccer ball from her head towards a fellow player. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Around 4:00 pm at practice Becky Harrelle kicks the ball towards the OHS goal for a point. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Spirit Scores the Goals

Back Row: Coach Christian Godart, Alison Russell, Katrina Volentine, Valerie Sims, Tonia Clay, Becky Harrell, Elise Lane, Brenda Chase, Kristy Starr, Lori Castle. **Front Row:** Robin Thranhardt, Jeannie Monaghan, Angie Brown, Amy Martin, Robyn Gyles, Jenny Crisman, Ilona Teleki, Jill Fleming.



The girls varsity soccer team is one of Oakton's finest not only because of its physically able girls, but also because of their overwhelming enthusiasm. This year seven players are seniors and hope to follow in the footsteps of last year's fine graduates.

In 1986 the team included two seniors that continued their soccer playing at college. **Kathy Corcoran** made the all-region first team and now attends the College of William and Mary, and **Lynn Jones**, who made the all-district second team, now plays for Texas Christian University.

Last season as well as this year the team attributes their victories and accomplishments to their team spirit. Manager **Stephanie Murray** comments that "they're positive about themselves, everyone is good company and in a big supportive family."

Coach Christian Godart calls the team his "senior team." **Elise Lane**, captain, says, "with seven seniors on the team there will be a lot of leadership and provide for the best season ever." Two year varsity forward **Brenda Chase** agrees, "we Cougars are awesome."

Always looking ahead, the team drills, runs, and practices hard to prepare for the season with a strong and healthy attitude. **Angie Brown**, a sophomore, fullback, says, "our team is going to rage!"

Together the team's outlook is bright. They all look forward to victories and working together. Coach Godart says that this year "we're looking for first place in Districts and a birth in Regionals." *Written by Marie Theriault*

Sophomore Kristy Starr throws the ball back into action after it rolls out of bounds during practice. *Photo by Robert Dant*



SCOREBOARD

2...OHS-TCW...1
2...OHS-JEB...1
1...OHS-CHS...3
1...OHS-FFX...3
2...OHS-WSHS...2
1...OHS-WTW...2
0...OHS-LBHS...0
2...OHS-Rob...0
14...OHS-GCMHS...1

Elise Lane, captain, heads the ball and cheers as it heads towards the goal. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Approaching the ball, Allison Defrees will demonstrate how hours of after-school practice pay off.

Alive & Kickin'

The 1987 JV Soccer season was one of hope and enthusiasm. Both the boys' and girls' teams spent hours developing and practicing their skills, with basically one goal in mind: the Varsity team.

While disenchanted for those who were not selected, tryouts for the teams, held in early March, were just the beginning for the chosen members.

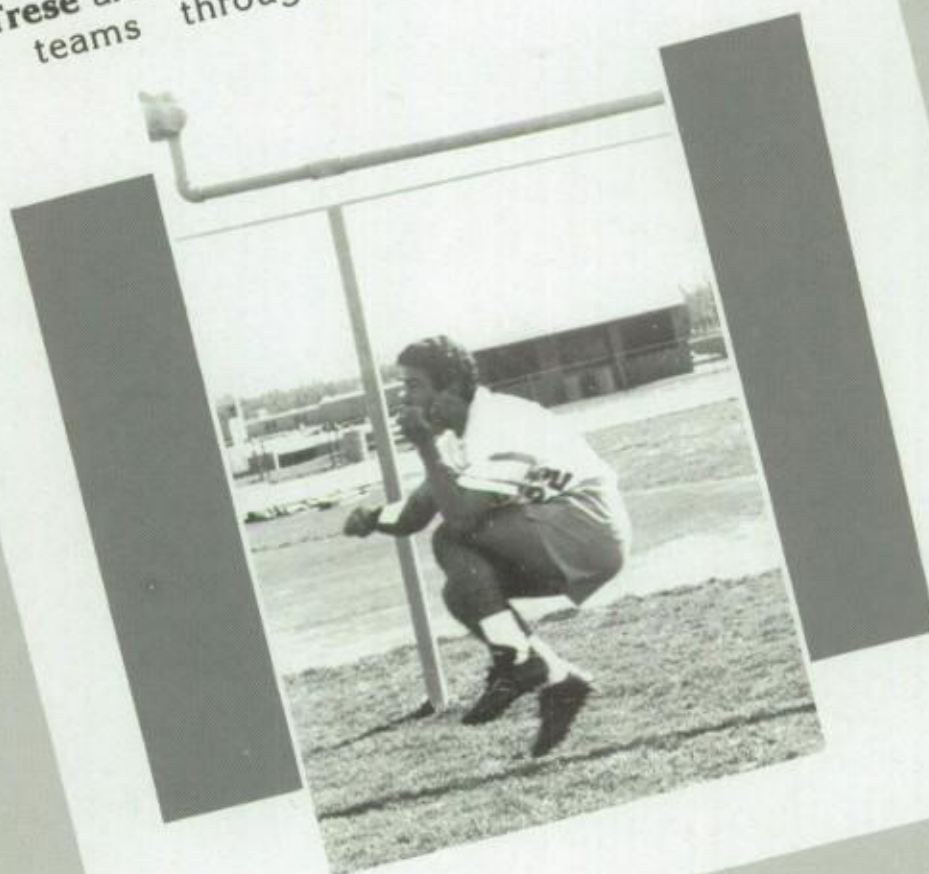
Coaches **Windham, Van Trese** and **West** led their teams through

many after-school hours of practice and competition, but the enthusiasm remained, and the teams were out to prove what **Caryn McCarthy** expressed at the beginning of the season, "I feel the 1987 JV team has great potential, we should end up with a good record."

All of the sports teams were "**on the move**" this year, and the girls' and boys' JV Soccer teams were no exception. Written by **Caroleigh Karlsson**



Tiffany Jones digs in for a skillful shot.



Soccer requires many hours of practice. Heading the ball is Ken Holland.





Front Row: Anna Atkinson, Jenny Blowe, Tasha Roberts, Allison Defrees, Jennifer Jones, Ann Lipp, Rachel Fiegenbaum, Naa Bruce-Konuan. **Back Row:** Laura Flowers, Jen Thomas, Lynn Lipp, Christine Hanley, Casey Jennings, Ann Gaske, Christine Demano, Caryn McCarthy, Jill Hattendorf, Tiffany Jones.



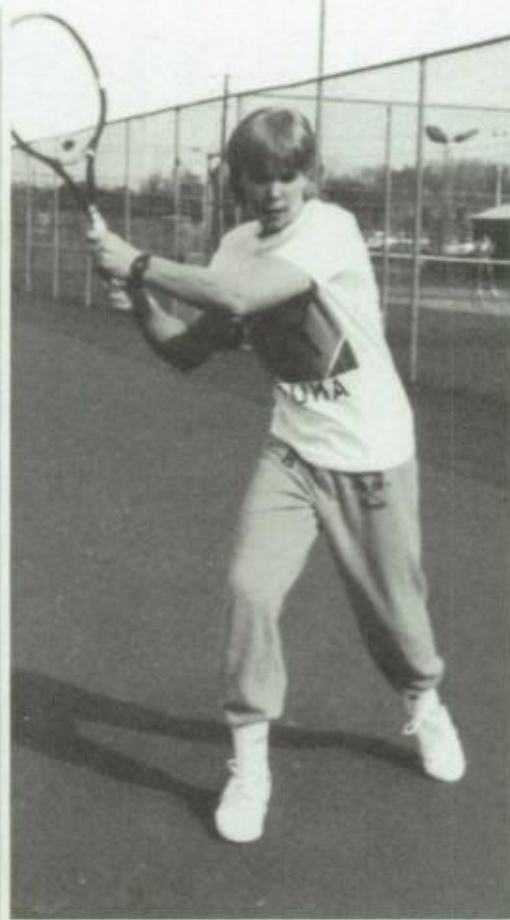
Mike Foley tries not to get dirty in his valiant attempt for the ball.



Front Row: Tim Salvador, Ken Holland, Steve Gallagher, Mike Foley, Jeff Weidman, Chip Coulon, John Litell. **Back Row:** Ken Kidder, Eric Gomez, Jerry Steigmeir, Quinn Casey, Trey Stover, Todd Bramble, Matt Luxford, Steve Pfoir, Brian Castle.

Page designed by Tracy Lansdown

In a pre-season practice, sophomore **Steve Finch** ground strokes for perfection. Photo by Michelle Wang.



First row: Stan Bouknight, Sang Han, Carl HagenBrock Lewis Miller, Peter Hormes, Aaron Rova. **Second row:** Todd Miller, Chris Chapas, Eric Amelink Ian Markley, Carter Bush, Rusty Taylor, Steve Finch, Jay Trinidad Ken Spector, Chun Pakl. Photo by Michelle Wang.



Good Start . . .

The boys' tennis team got off to a strong start by beating Marshall 7-2 in a scrimmage match. Senior; **Chun Pak**, captain of the team commented, "If we stick together as a team, we can take the district title this year." Junior; **Jay Trinidad**, a newcomer from Arizona said, "This district is very tough; we have a good chance winning the district." Jay was the quarter-finalist in Qrizona State Championship last year.

The top six seeds consisted of: sophomore; **Steve Finch**, sophomore; **Lewis**

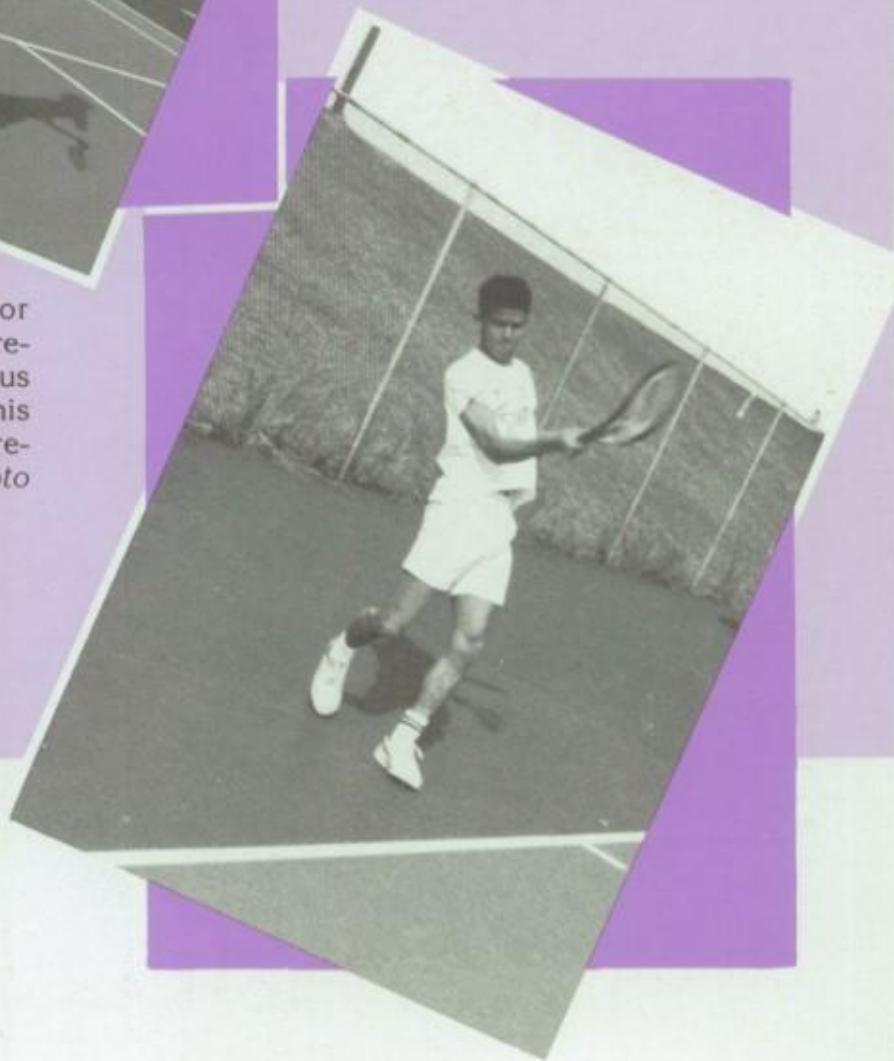
Miller, senior; **Chun Pak** junior; **Jay Trinidad**, senior **Rusty Taylor**, and senior **Eric Amelink**.

Coach **Bouknight** in his third year with the team commented, "This is the year to achieve our goal." "The boys looked very promising and ready to face our tough district." Sophomore Steve Finch retained his no.1 position on the team. Steve was a strong and powerful player. His only losses were two against West Springfield last season. Written by Michelle Wang



Sophomore Lewis Miller attempts a half-volley touch in a pre-season scrimmage against Marshall. *Photo by Michelle Wang.*

Junior Jay Trinidad perfects his famous top-spin during practice. *Photo by Michelle Wang.*



Senior Rusty Taylor concentrates on returning the fabulous forehand volley to his opponent in a pre-season practice. *Photo by Michelle Wang.*



Early morning practices may seem like a drag to some, but the Cougars didn't mind running once the sun comes up.

Boys Scoreboard

23/OHS/95/LB/37/ROB
25/OHS/64.5/WS/49.5/ROB
46/OHS/37/WTW/67/WS
27.5/OHS/59/ROB/60.5/TCW
22/OHS/76/LB/53/WS

Sang Lee demonstrates that the long jump event requires an agile runner as well as a coordinated jumper — in one body.



Row 1: John Teitman, Fred Frak, Greg Mason, Bobby Sihler, Andy Burns, Derrick Beaudreau, Matt Greek, Denise Clark. Row 2: Greg Varholy, Kenny Holand, Tim Thrash, Shawn Burg, Sang Lee, Chris Hasty, Scott Sackschewsky, Brian Rice. Row 3: Andy Parrot, Mike Beall, Chris Libeau, David Johnak, Alex Kahn, Bob Wiburn, Steve Liu, Rob Myers, Kirk Melquist, Tim Berry. Row 4: Blain Jiron, Chris Lipp, Jim Scott, Donte Ricci, Terri Jacobson, Wayne Penn, Moe Duckett

Tremendous arm and leg strength enables track member Kayleen Taddeo to participate in the shotput event.



Tracy Lansdown races to the finish line, keeping in stride to achieve a second place victory for Oakton.



Tracking it . . . Despite Snowy Weather

From mid-November thru February, Oakton track members could be spotted running everywhere from McDonalds to Friendly's to the Metro Station. Day in and day out practice was held, regardless of weather conditions. To the runners that consistently attended practice, it was a commendable show of dedication.

The season began with a few weeks of hard conditioning. Both new and returning veterans were put thru demanding workouts in order to whip them into

shape for the first meet. When it came time to start the season, Oakton was left with a small, but elite group of runners. For five Saturdays, the team travelled from Oakton to Episcopal High School. The meet usually lasted from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The indoor track teams again showed improvement and displayed that with a little eagerness and a lot of hard work, it was possible to have a good season despite the com-

petition. Competing all season long against the best teams in the Region, the Cougars practiced hard to make sure that they showed respectably. Led by seniors **Tracy Lansdown, Allison Russell, Jim Scott, Gary Doyle, Wayne Penn, and Blain Jiron**, the team placed 26 athletes in the District and went on to send 8 athletes to the Regional meet. *Written by Tracy Lansdown and Bob Wilburn.*



On the last stretch of a 300 meter interval workout, Allison Russell, Tracy Lansdown and Debbie Ellis are still hanging tough. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Girls Scoreboard

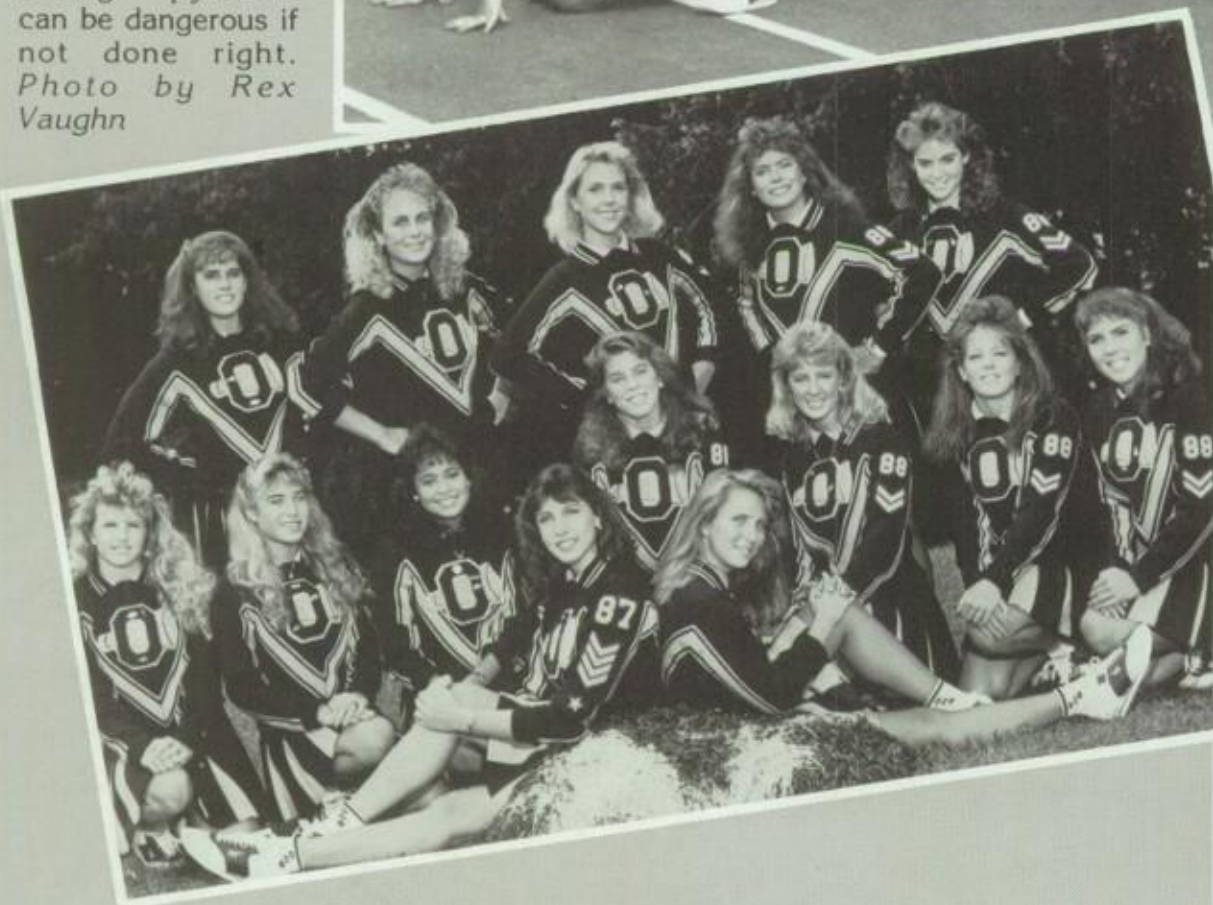
Row 1: Amy Painter, Rachel Volentine, Wendy Garpo, Coach, Caryn McCarthy, Anne Gaske, Wanda Penn. Row 2: Niki Windmyer, Patricia Jacobson, Allison Russel, Tracy Lansdown, Kayleen Taddeo, Lilian Shrowth, Margret Carcia, Michelle Rupp.

OHS/12/LB/88/ROB/25
OHS/24/WS/54.5/ROB/55.5
OHS/28/WTW/66/WS/43
OHS/13/ROB/77.5/TCW/39.5
OHS/20/LB/88/WS/32

Cheerleading



Cheerleading requires a lot of athletic ability as shown by the J. V. squad. The "come-a-long" pyramid can be dangerous if not done right. Photo by Rex Vaughn



Varsity — L-R, B-T: Marie Theriault, Lisa Dano, Debbie Leyh, Sherri Lindquist, Sanda Pe, Helen Ailsworth, Karen Wheatly, Tina Schwartz, Stephanie Saunders, Kim Stallings, Diana Rogers, Lisa Gatto, Lynn Bienkowski, Amy Cook.

J. V. — L-R, B-T: Lisa Poulos, Ann Runyon, Amy Lewis, Michelle Giaquinto, Debbie Elliott, Beth Willis, Michelle Walker, Torrie Seamans, Nicole Stellato, Becky Shuford, Jen Dillman, Nikki Berg.

Freshmen — L-R, B-T: Stacy Crickmer, Paige Ellison, Tina Miranda, Christina Saunders, Nedia Desouza, Mary Buhl, Nicole Faust, Holly Bugel, Heather Hefner.

New Cheering System

More Girls Cheer Less Stress

Cheerleading explains itself explicitly, but there is more behind the word than an easy activity and an easy sport. The cheerleaders lead the Cougars in the stands on chanting for victory and cheering for a record season. The winning seasons in football, wrestling, and basketball were perhaps not due to the cheerleaders and fans, but their support made great differences for the teams and for the school.

Each game the squads put together something special for the teams. Whether it was locker stickers, an extra poster, burgandy and gold streamers, spirit ribbons, a spirit march, or pep rally, they recognized the outstanding efforts of the Cougars.

The cheerleaders worked hard this year. A new constitution, separate-season squads, and a spring competition were all added to the regular cheerleading system. The new constitution presented a leadership system in which the responsibilities of the previous captain and co-captain were shared equally by two co-captains. This improvement over the previous system put more ideas into practice and relieved one leader of all the major responsibilities.

Secondly, full-year cheerleading changed into seasonal cheering. The fall squads cheered for football and the winter squads cheered basketball and wrestling. This allowed girls to participate in two sports

rather than just cheerleading for a full year. Some such as varsity winter cheerleader **Christine Hanna** and JV fall cheerleader **Jen Dillman** took up tennis

school spirit.

The JV fall squad made their mark with an outstanding accomplishment at the national Cheerleading Association summer



or swimming in the same year.

The cheerleading attire changed as well. The varsity squads received new shell top uniforms and "OHS" cougar paw print socks were worn by all squads. The Boosters and Athletics department gave each squad warm jackets and Cougar sweat pants that were greatly appreciated. Another exciting addition to the squads were small plastic footballs thrown to the fans, donated by The Wet Ones of Vienna, promoting

camp. The squad received two blue and one red ribbon, two spirit awards and was nominated with six other squads out of thirty for the all-American award. With these new improvements, additions, and accomplishments, the OHS Cheerleaders had a rewarding year cheering on the Cougars.

When the fall and winter sports seasons concluded, the squads did not

separate until try-outs in April. Instead, about twelve girls, compiled and selected from both squads by coach Tyra Settle, practiced with renewed enthusiasm for themselves. They worked for a competition among regional squads to be held at Kings Dominion on March 28, 1987. The competition routine included mounts, pyramids, and a dance as well as regular cheering. Captains of the competition squad **Helen Ailsworth** and **Lisa Gatto** shared the responsibilities of heading the squad and other leadership duties. All looked forward to a strong performance.

The final cheerleading activity of the year was the faculty-student basketball game. Students jammed into the gym on March 19 to witness the Seniors conquer the teachers for the first time in twenty years since the school's establishment. Eleven teachers coached by **Marie Theriault** and **Ann Runyon**, quickly learned a few chants and enthusiastically supported the faculty as a squad. Then, at the opposing end of the game floor, juniors and seniors alike cheered on the "jocks."

For this year and for those past the cheerleaders continued to support the Cougars. With this year's improvements and excellent squads, they enjoyed the chance to compete and participate in other activities outside of the regular sport as well. *Written by Marie Theriault*



JV: Back Row: Beth Willis, Paula Kara, Debbie Elliott, Ann Runyon, Lisa Poulos, Michelle Walker, Tracy Watson. Front Row: Nicole Lassiter, Allison Defrees, Torrie Seamans, Becky Shuford, Kristin Matus, Kris Biando.

Freshmen: Back Row: Susie Mhlak, 5#, Stacey, Naa Bruce, Paige Ellison, Shelley Batanga, 5#. Second Row: Lynn Prevy, Jenny Crosby, Heather Hefner, Holly Bugle, Nicole Foust.

Varsity: Back Row: Kim Stallings, Debbie Lay, Karen Hanneker, Sanda Pe, Sherri Lindquist, Donna Lacey, Kristin Atkins, Cathy Hanneker, Susie Poling. Middle Row: Diana Rogers, Denise Barbara, Kristine Hanna, Rayburn Zabot, Clare Taylor, Lynn Bienkowski, Robin Posey. Front Row: Amy Cook (capt.), Lisa Gatto (capt.), Cathy Schriener, Helen Ailsworth (capt.), Karen Wheatley (capt.).

Ending in a Grand Style

Amidst all the excitement and cheer, Debbie Elliot notices that her shoes have collected an unexpected sticky guest.



One of our mighty fans, comes out to cheer and coach the team on to another victory. Photo by David Cho

With the advent of the 1986-1987 school year, many students were skeptic as to how Oakton would do in sports.

As soon as the varsity football season began everyone in the school got carried away in the great tide of victories. Yes, Oakton went 9-1 and we were an undefeated top 10 team for most of the season. We finished 16th in the Metro area for the season. Senior **Chris Scaglione** received the MVP award and was named All-Metropolitan area-kicker by the Washington Post. Much excitement, vigor, and enthusiasm carried over to the Junior Varsity and Freshmen teams who continue improving their record.

Friday nights turned from a social event into a real spectator sport. People actually came to watch the game. After previous losses in the previous years, Oakton finally had a team to be proud of. Spirits were soaring especially after beating the long time rival Madison.

Other sport teams also seemed to start off on the right foot. The 1986 Golf team placed 3rd in state competition. **Frank Autry** awarded he

MVP award to senior **Chris Turner** and Sportsmanship award to junior **John Carlson**. The Cross Country team (both boys and girls) performed quite well this season. "The team was good as a whole, even though they were missing some of



their fast last year's runners. But still, the team members worked hard, pulled through, and did better than last year," said senior **Matt Green**. Seniors **Wayne Penn** and **Alison Russell** both received the MVP awards.

The OHS Field Hockey team improved their record in comparison

with the previous year. Winning three of their games, showed the steady improvements the team is making towards becoming better. The girls tennis team had more individual triumphs than as a whole team. Still, these team losses didn't seem to damper any spirits. Senior **Cammie Cook** won the MVP award, **Gretchen Berry** won the Sportsmanship award, and **Maggie Anderson** received the coach's award. The winter track team started out with a bang. Ninety people came out for track, all fresh, full of enthusiasm, and eager for a winning team. The numbers of runners slowly dwindled, leaving the long time dedicated runners.

All the Oakton Cougars performed well in athletics this year. These teams as well as others made the school full of spirit and pride once again. 1987 meant enthusiasm for those participating as well as for those fans who cheered on the players in large numbers to support the teams. The growth and development of the Cougar pack ended with a victorious season that was definitely "on the move." Written by Shuchi Sharma and Marie Theriault

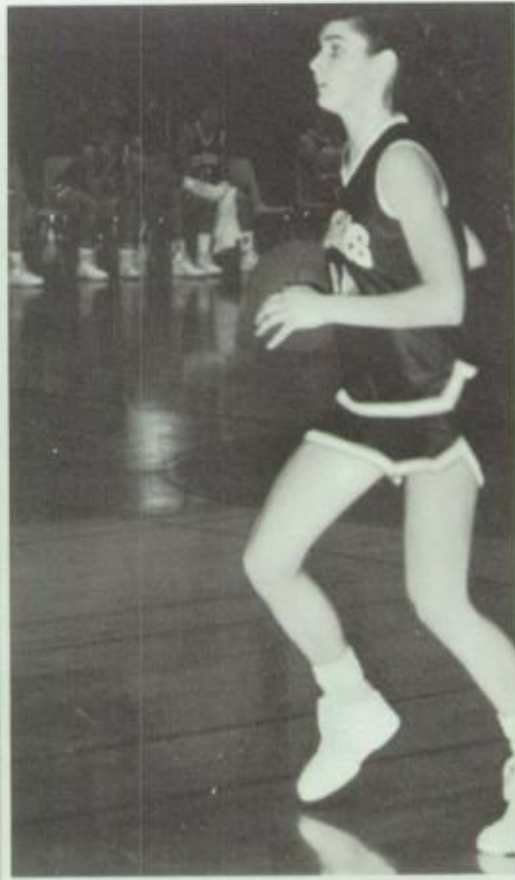


Leading the pack, Rex Vaughn takes his run in stride. Photo by Robert Dant

Dancing to the beat and synchronization, drill team members strut their stuff. Photo by Rex Vaughn



On a hot humid day, Coach Alexander, takes a moment to prepare for a strenuous practice. Photo by Rex Vaughn



Fullback, Jenny Coyner, brings the ball in bounds to start a scoring drive. Photo by Rex Vaughn

Leading the team, Point Guard Cathy Edmonds brings the ball up court. Photo by Rex Vaughn

Strength and endurance is part of gymnastics; Scott Shepard portrays this stunt Gymini Gym. Picture courtesy of Scott Sheppard



With finesse, Brian Hawkins exhibits perfect form for a jump-shot. Photo by Rex Vaughn



One of the top players in the Region, Michelle Rupp, winds up to throw another strike. Photo by Rex Vaughn



After a hard game in the rain against T.C., Scott Shiply shows the agony of defeat. Photo by David Cho



Seated #1 in the District, Kim Thwaits takes his opponent down with ease. Photo by Robert Dant



Watching the ball go "swish" through the hoop was a sound often heard throughout the season. Photo by David Cho



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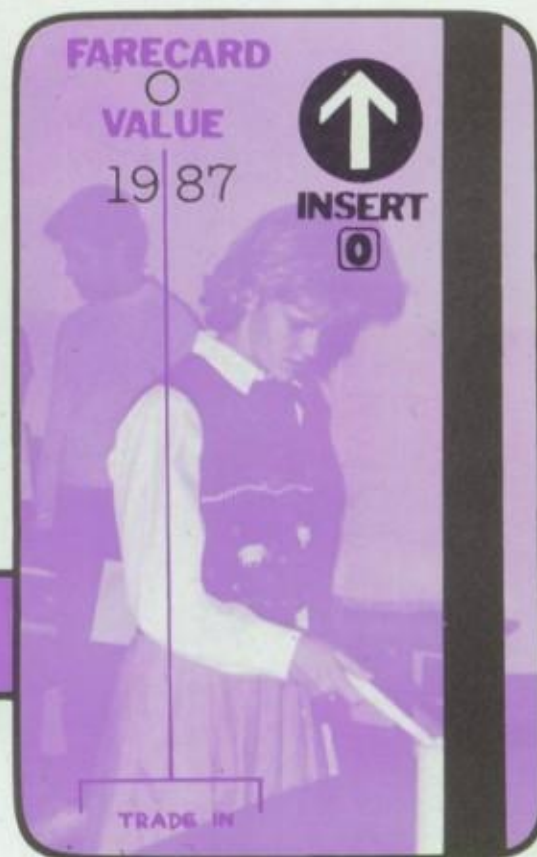


That life after school. There are actually people who stayed after school on purpose this year. Not because they missed the bus, had a detention, or had to make up a missed test. These people stayed after for club meetings. Meetings were just a social gathering for some clubs but others were **"on the move"** to importance.

At Partner's Club meetings, members traveled over to Kilmer center to help a group of mentally handicapped students prepare for the Special Olympics. The National Honor Society's meetings moved to a fast beat as they planned fund raisers.

OPUS searched for talented artists and writers. Lacross looked for people ready to meet it's tough physical challenge. Although most clubs were busy moving through the year with different projects, everyone had a fun year. *Written by Tina John*

Senior Zach Jernigan and the casually attired yet altogether phenomenal Oakton band warm up during the first pep rally of the season. *Photo By David Cho*



Fun

Hot Issues for the SAC

Role Reversal for Students and their Teachers?

Should students be involved with evaluating teachers when they are being considered for Merit Pay? Would they miss class instruction to do so? How much time would scheduling evaluations involve? Are High School students qualified to evaluate elementary school teachers? Those are just a few of the questions that were raised and debated by the SAC this year. The debate was hot.

The Fairfax County Public Schools' Student Advisory Council is a group of students who explore issues relevant to county-wide problems. This year, Oakton's Area II delegation was composed of seven elected seniors, **Molly Bell, John Cook, Amy Jones, Pat Miller, and Kip Wilkowski.** **Cathy Bruce** and **Tom Caraballo** served as alternates, **Kay Matulka** sponsored the SAC. The County Delegate was **Amy Jones** with **Kip Wilkowski** as her alternate.

The four issues studied by the Area II SAC were 1) overcrowding in public schools, 2) establishing Junior ROTC at high schools, 3) parent education of student stress, and 4) the requirements necessary for entry to, and the inconsistencies of the Gifted and Talented Programs. The County SAC worked with three

priorities 1) SITE (Student Involvement in Teacher Evaluation) 2) College Admission, and 3) Teenage Pregnancy in the schools.

In February, the group went to Woodson to attend a food tasting party, where they sampled many food services and gave their opinion to the board. They



Pat Miller studies a teacher evaluation at an SAC meeting in late January.

rated foods such as french bread pizza and french fries, both typical "school food." Also sampled was a new Mexican meal and a donut being considered for sale in schools around the county.

Heather Drascovic, who attended the food tasting party as Student Government President, was excited about the chocolate milk shakes she got to sample. "I definitely think milk

shake A was better. It wasn't as sweet as B." **Cathy Bruce** commented, "This is a good way to hear what the food is like at other schools around the county." Their feelings helped to decide the possible switch to a new food service for all of the county schools.

The SAC encouraged all faculty, students, and parents to input their opinion on issues and concerns they had and thus, had a successful year. *Written by Amy Jones*

"Are high school students qualified to evaluate elementary teachers?"

Gourmet for less



Gourmet food or not, Cathy Bruce and Molly Bell taste test the foods which may be sold in the school lunches in future years. *Photo by R. Dant*

Student Government



Front Row: Kim Stallings, Helen Ailsworth, A. Weiss, A. Hackley, Heather Drascovic, Dawn Olmstead, Rachael Valtoss. **Second Row:** Suzie Poling, Andrea Neves, T. Roberts, T. Timperlake, Yoo-Jung Kong, Katie Fortner, Karen Wheatley, Lisa Gatto, Linda Peters, Meredith Vickery. **Back Row:** Scott Cannon, Cathy Knicely, Peggy Eales, S. Scott, Marie Thieurault, Gavin Hill, Eric Kauders, J. Morgan, Mike Phalen, Mark Devido.



"The blind lead the blind" as Kip Wilkowski presents his opinion on a most pressing issue: establishment of Jr. ROTC at local schools. (Kip attempted to influence the group with his Tom Cruise/Top Gun impersonation.) Photo by R. Vaughn



Senior John Cook wants YOU to be involved with student issues! Photo by R. Vaughn



Kip Wilkowski and John Cook smile in agreement on the latest recommendation. Photo by R. Vaughn

Student Advisory Council



Cathy Bruce, Kip Wilkowski, John Cook, Molly Bell, Amy Jones, Pat Miller Not pictured: Tom Caraballo

Principal's Advisory Council



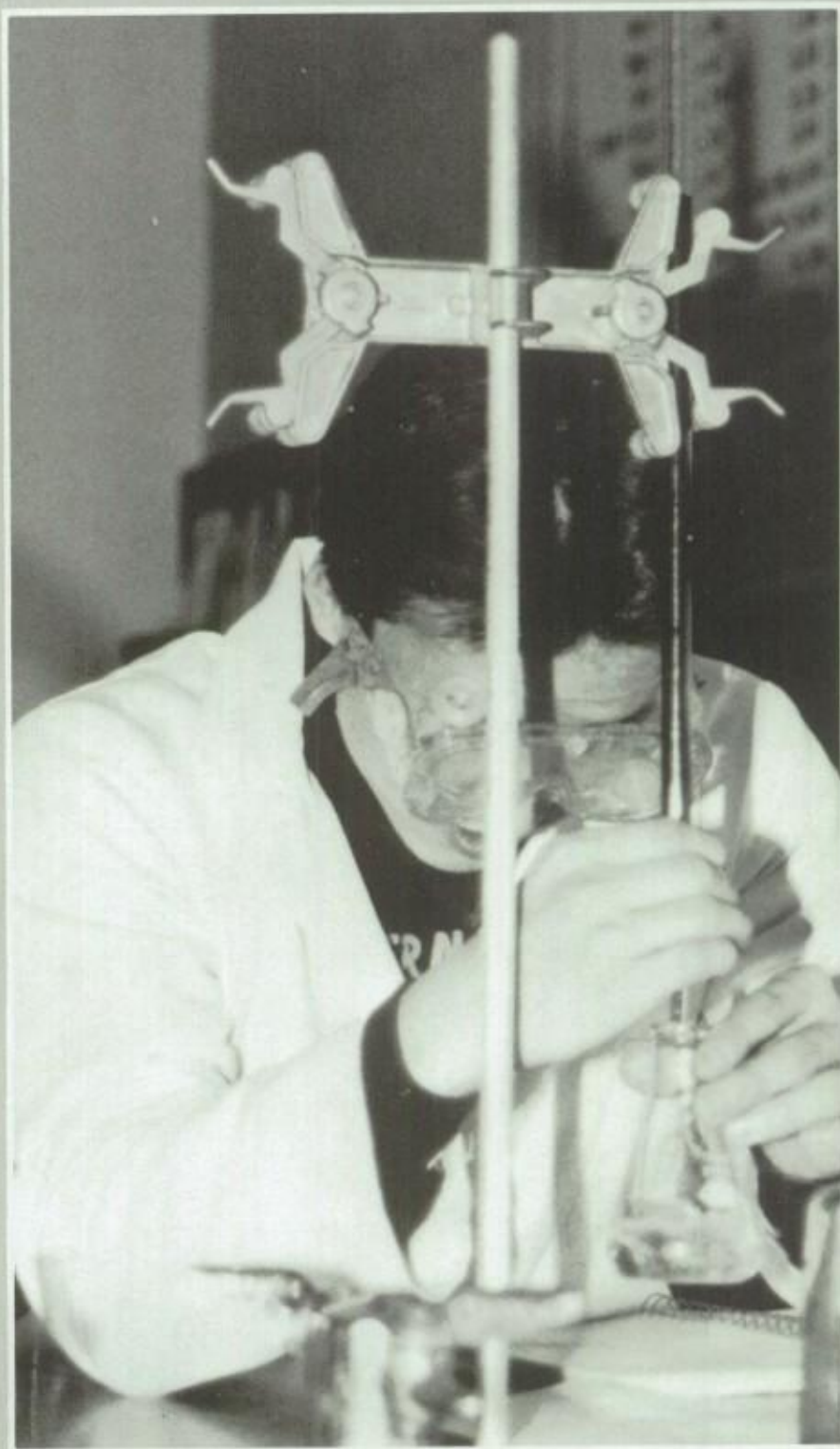
Bottom: Cathy Knicely, Allison Defrees, Dana Bennett. **Top:** Larry Jusahz, William Reisser, Scott Shepherd, Lynda Peters. **Not Pictured:** Troy Bullock, Mimi Kauders, Rochelle Lenz, Cory Haydon



Aruna Sharma works with fellow student to determine if changes in velocity will occur with a constant force.



Shelly Armentrout, deep in thought, tests her math ability against other students.



Scott Lee, Chem II club member, tries to get precise measurements.

Computer Science Club



Front Row: Randa Zaccack, Paola Amaro, Bill Herrington, Hafez Nasr, Scott Harlan, Greg Dolnack. **Second Row:** Scott Nash, Michelle Gallice, Pete Billante, Jennifer Rose, Thomas Lee McCann, Shahab Hasan, Matt Ward. **Back Row:** Troy Wesson, Nader Salehi, Giso Brandt, Erik Amelink, Sang Lee, Paul Phillips, Jerry Jacobson, Tom Caraballo.

Chem II Club



Front Row: Jin Kim, Thery Gianny, Khamh Le **Back Row:** Maggie Anderson, Mike Herbert, Rick Bui, Jay Trindat. Not Pictured: Amie Park, Jae Jin Jeong, Scott Lee, Giso Brandt, Chris Martin, Kelly Frame

As Easy as Pi?

A Radical Club for Rational Minds

"Hey, what did you letter in? Basketball?"

"No, Math team."

Surprised? This is the second year the senior math team has been offered letters for outstanding performance. Last year six students from Algebra II and higher math classes earned a letter. This year there were only three: **Shelly Armentrout**, **Kevin McNiff**, and **Danny Fahs**. Armentrout and McNiff were this year's team captains, she keeping track of team records and he supplying enthusiasm. **Mrs. Bolstein**, the team sponsor, commented, "Even though the math team didn't do as well this year, it was very well run. Those two kept me on my toes!"

The math team met on scattered Wednesdays from October through March. Members took tests from both the Country Math League and the American Scholastic Mathematical Association. Tests included such questions as "In convex quadrilateral ABCD, $AB=15$, $BC=20$, $CD=7$, $AD=24$ and $AC=25$. Find the area of the quadrilateral ABCD." Or "using only three 3's and a minus sign, write an expression equal to 1." (Answers to these problems may be found on page 148.) These problems tended to discourage some members although the team had 29 members at the beginning of the year, only five or six were showing up regularly by the season's end.

Despite this, ten members were found to compete at

the All-county Math Meet held February 25th at Fairfax High School. Armentrout, Fahs, **Kevin Hamilton**, McNiff, **Hong Kee Min**, **Scott Nash**, **Libby Teachout**, **Haw Dong Tu**, **Bob Wilburn** and **David Yohler** travelled to FHS by bus, picking up the Woodson math team arrayed in suits and ties on the way. While they discussed strategy, we carried on a dialogue about *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and how annoying it was to park cars on

the snow and how ridiculous these Woodson people looked. Math team members from 30 schools took the 35 minute, six problem test held in the FHS cafeteria. Unfortunately, Oakton only came in 22nd, with our highest score being a 4 and our mode score a 2. After the competition, the team members roamed the halls for a time, then returned on the bus with the Woodson team, a few of whom had grown bold



Team captain Kevin McNiff takes math team very seriously.
Photo by Robert Dant

enough to take off their ties.

What is the appeal of math team? Many members, like **Apollo Tran** have no idea. McNiff in a prepared statement replied, "I enjoy the challenge of solving intricate math problems." Perhaps it's that many of the problems cannot be solved by straightforward classroom methods but require mental leaps. Perhaps the members welcome the opportunity to compete non-athletically. Or as **David Yohler** pointed out, it looks good on college applications." Written by Danny Fahs

Math Team



Front Row: Karen Ebbe, Nelissa Yuen. **Second Row:** Shelly Armentrout, Elizabeth Teachout, Kristen Domori, Apollo Tran, Kevin McNiff. **Back Row:** Bob Wilburn, Scott Nash, Mansoor, David Beaudry, David Yohler, Danny Fahs

Looking into the future . . .



. . . and hoping it won't blow up in his face is what most Chem II members hope for.

Rich Pierce can't believe he's going all the way to Va Tech just to take a test! The test is the first annual TEAMS competition. In addition to the test they are sponsoring a toothpick bridge contest.



After many hours of after-mid-nite work, it all pays off for Jen Simmons. She received a 5th place award for her toothpick bridge. Photo by Rex Vaughn



If you've ever wanted to test toothpick bridges, this machine may be for you, but its \$15,000 price tag is too high for most individuals.

Smile, you're on Candid Camera



Not only did they star in Candid Camera, but the It's Academic team appeared on none other than It's Academic.

Shhh . . . We're testing



After a grueling day in testing, Sean Osterhaus and Rich Pierce hope for the best as they compare their answers with the key.

Tough Bridges at Va Tech

And you thought toothpicks were for teeth!

The Science Research Club is a club new to Oakton this year. This club, conceived by **David Beaudry** and **Sean Osterhaus** and with much later help from **Rich Pierce**, **Pete Billante** and **Mr. William Fagan**, was designed for students who are interested in the fields and subjects of science which are not taught in the standard school curriculum. The goals of the club in-

cluded attending science symposiums and lectures offered at local colleges, inviting guest speakers in the fields of science, and taking part in several state and region-wide science fairs and competitions. The beginning of the year was generally devoted to planning and organizing for this and upcoming school years. After the year progressed, the group became active in preparing for a science

competition at Virginia Tech. The contest consisted of two parts — bridge building and several tests which challenged your knowledge in physics, chemistry, math, English, computer fundamentals and computer graphics. Mr. Brad Frison of C&P Telephone came into school one day and taught the club the fundamentals of bridge building. This gave a few members insights on how to come up with award winning bridges. The criteria for these bridges were that they had to be made solely of eight-hundred toothpicks, wood cement, and to win, the bridge had to hold more weight than 33

Will using
toothpicks
save bridge
builders
money?

other entries. There were only two problems with the construction process. One was the glue, it tended to dry on your fingers and hinder your best efforts, it also ran out too soon. The second major difficulty was time, in one instance, the bridge was started the Wednesday before the contest, was worked on the next Saturday till 3 AM, again on Sunday till 3 AM, then it was finally

concluded between 7AM and 10 AM on Monday morning three hours before it was put to the ultimate test, which was barely enough time for it to dry. It was this bridge, built by **Jen Simmons** and **Rex Vaughn**, with technical help from **Mr. Jim Simmons**, Jen's father, that received a fifth place ranking for holding one-hundred



seventy-four pounds. The only other ranking was **David Beaudry's** bridge, which came in a respectable tenth place.

It being the club's first year at the contest, the knowledge tests were tough, but we still had a very impressive showing. Among the more difficult questions were some that at the least, were extremely confusing. For example: How many binary trees with three nodes named A, B and C can have ABC as the preorder transversal? or If an X-ray tube is to produce x-rays having a wave length of one Angstrom, what is the minimum voltage that must be used to accelerate the electrons in the tube? *Written by: some very busy people*

Science Research Club



Front Row: Rich Pierce, Darrel Getts. **Second Row:** Cathy Lewis, Pete Bilante. **Third Row:** David Beaudry, Sean Osterhaus. **Back Row:** Mr. William Fagan.

It's Academic



Jin Kim, Susan Modesitt, Lara Davis

The Witches Have Come . . .

Drama achievers began their acting careers at the Freshman Orientation. Here the Thespians performed a welcoming act, "The Freshman Zone." **Christina Grieger**, Honor Thespian president, concluded the humorous performance with an invitation for the newcomers to involve themselves in Drama.

Once the year began, the fall play went into production. The play offered opportunities for members to study as actors, assistants in wardrobe, props stage design, and as light and sound engineers.

The Thespians concerned themselves with developing and enriching the drama department with their talents. Their efforts were rewarded according to a merit system of points. At twenty points they may become a Thespian, at forty a letterman, and at sixty they may earn the esteemed title of Honor Thespian.

It is a common belief that Drama only involves a fall play and a spring musical, but there is more "behind the scenes." For instance, Theatre Sports is a regional competition based on improvisational acting, requiring team members to perform quickly on their feet. This year the team fared well with its enthusiastic players **Elizabeth Jordan, Gus Gather, Laura**

Gayton, Brad Miliauskas, and others.

Another activity was the Short Play Festival. **Mat Moore** wrote a one act play, **THE JULIUS CAESAR CAPER**, which was presented in the festival, to many English classes on one March day, and was televised on the Red Apple 21 Fairfax Education Channel.

Then **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** opened. A cast of talented performers put together a wonderful performance. **Robin Sayers** starred as Sister Maria, and the captain's role was played by **Scott Farthing**. The two leads accompanied by the fellow actors made the play a great success.

Finally, with the year concluded, Drama held its annual spring picnic. Here cards, pins, letters,

special honor certificates and academy awards were given. Oakton's academy honored the usual stars such as best actor, and best show, as well as a few special and deserving awards like best bit part.

Oakton's Drama organizations stemmed from the regular classroom curriculum. The Drama Club branched into budding Thespians, and blossomed into talented Honor Thespians. *Written by Marie Theriault*



Drama Club



Front Row: Connie Harrington, Jennifer Karsner, Michele Ravera, Shelly Batanga, Nicole Berg, Torrie Seamans, Cory Haydon, Robin Sayers, Elizabeth Hervey, Jennifer Dykes, Michele Wilson, Kate Witherspoon, Christine Hanna. **Second Row:** Nycole Kleins, Stacey O'Callahan, Alexis Duncan, Lisa Kavalieratos, Danielle Karsh, Matt Moore, Kelly Crosby, Bobby Williamson, Tisa Gorzynski, Julianne Ridolphi, Dawn Olmstead, Christian Domain, Charlie Post, Laura Gayton, Kelly Byrd, Helen Lowenstein. **Third Row:** Susie Strong, Mike Fall, Christy Cier, Nicole Faust, Meredith Vickery, Brad Milauskas, Chip Haas, Christina Greiger, Kate Norris, Kim Zwingman, John Brito, Alan Lindsay, "J" Wolfe, Holly Bugel, Amy Lora. **Back Row:** Patrick Todd, Tim Henderson, Hillary Root, Heather Welsh, Jennifer Dewey, Jenny O'Connor, Bridget Kraft, Sean T. Spiers, Gus Gaiter, Robert Morgan, Josh MacNabb, Bill Reed, Eric Weidner, Jason Bracy, Joe Handley, Brandon Weidner.

Thespians



Front Row: Jennifer Dykes, Elizabeth Harvey, Cory Haydon, Robin Sayers, Christy Ciers. **Second Row:** Christian Domain, Dawn Olmstead, Kate Witherspoon, Kim Zwingman, Kate Norris, Christina Greiger. **Back Row:** Meredith Vickery, Jennoy O'Conner, Jennifer Dewey, Hillary Root, Bridget Kraft, Brad Milauskas, Sean Spiers, Chip Haas. Not Pictured: Darin Dunston, Jeff Kovatchitch, Amy Butterfield.



Brad Milauaskus, the priest in the *Crucible*, solemnly tries to prove that the witches are a menace to the society. *Photo By Rex Vaughn*



Preparing for her night on the stage Suzie Strong thinks to her self "Do I know my lines"



The Jazz Band did more than perform on the stage, they tried to liven up the lunch with their jazzy presence. *Photo By Chris Reed*

Honor Thespians



Top: Christina Grieger, Dawn Olmstead. **Middle:** Kim Zwigman. **Bottom:** Chip Haas, Jeff Kovatchitch. Not Pictured: Darin Dunston.

Jazz Lab



Front Row: Mike Barber, Josh Lee, Debbie Hickman, Jay Jones, Robert Reed, Jeff Weidman. **Middle Row:** Scott Dire, Will Bently, Rich Pierce, Adam, Scott Raveker, Juliet Porch. **Back Row:** Mike Lorrado, John Keene, Tim Strait, Dave Black, Derek Beadrout, Andy Larson.

Reminiscing . . . about the future?

Scattered rulers, grease pencils, photos, stacks of copy, and shreds of quad-paks . . . thus, the aftermath of a deadline. The sixth period yearbook staff and literary magazine members took a deep sigh of relief and plunged right back into the heat of snapshooting, writing, and designing battles. About fifty combined members of the Paragon and Opus staffs dedicated many afterschool, weekend, and even holiday hours to creating our yearbook of cherished memories.

The staffs, selected the spring before, attended seminars on how to effectively use color, layout, and copy to invent our original theme and design. It takes creativity, originality, and an art of "image-writing" to produce a book so often taken for granted. Deadlines were posted to keep everyone on their toes and to actually finish the book before April so the student body would receive it in time to have their buddies achieve the ultimate in writer's cramp.

Unfortunately, the staffs, at first, were relatively young and inexperienced. Throughout the year, the editors and sponsors of Paragon and Opus, **Mrs. Mazin** and **Mrs. Jacobs** respectively, quickly taught the necessary techniques.

"The deadlines come so quickly!"

Work on the yearbook was completed in a tiny workroom with a computer and an art room during sixth period. Opus' work was done after school selecting writings from student body submissions and providing illustrations for them.

One of the most difficult responsibilities of the yearbook staff was capturing the year in one book and making certain that people the staff had never laid eyes on before were identified in the pictures. Commented Paragon members **Marie Theriault, Beth Willis, and Debbie Elliot**, "People don't realize how much work was involved with putting that thing together. They think we goof off during sixth period. What an easy 'A'! That was not the case." However **Danny Fahs** admitted



Editor Tracy Lansdown checks quad-packs, before sending to the printer, for mistakes that would be costly to change on the proofs.

that "the work came in spurts."

Both staffs dealt with proofs and correcting the printers as much as possible. Finally, after much labor and sweating about deadlines, Paragon and Opus were presented to the student body and faculty. This was not just a book . . . it was a reconstruction of reminiscences. *Written by Kim Mullins*

Outlook



Front Row: Kim Stallings, Amy Cook, Suchi Sharma, Aruna Sarma, Joe Volk, David Alpern. **Second Row:** Steve Keuleh, Avery Hesford, Diane Dinsmore, Jill Noris, Elizabeth Boeneau, Regina Richardson, Gretchen Berry, Heather Turner. **Back Row:** Jim Black, Larry Juasz, Bob Wilburn, Anthony Krickus, Paul Stansberry, John Cook, David Haug, Todd Casey, Sean Burch. Not Pictured: Scooter Vertini, John Snerer, Eric Kauders, Leslie Kilgannon.

Meritorious Achievement



Diane Dinsmore and John Cook proudly receive their 1986 school production award, from the School Board, for a successful job editing the Outlook.



At the end of the year when it's all finished, and Oakton is waiting impatiently for their yearbooks, Sammy and Eva, start early in the morning unloading the books for the staff. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Focusing on the subject maybe the hardest thing to do when writing an article, but when focusing a camera Robert Dant makes it look easy. *Photo By Rex Vaughn.*



According to some, yearbook staff members get it easy during sixth period, but Amy Jones and Linda say that it's only during the vacation that they get a break from yearbook, during the summer the yearbook staff enjoyed themselves at Seven Springs.

Trying to Get it Right



Bruce Cox listens intently as Mrs. Mazin **tries** to explain what a yearbook is.

The Paragon Staff



Front Row: Caroleigh Karlson, Beth Willis, Tracy Lansdown, Debbie Eliot, Rex Vaughn, Shirley Mazin. **Second Row:** Cathy Knicely, Tina John, Amy Jones, Bruce Cox, Steve Schwartz, David Cho, Robert Dant, Troy Wesson, Debbie Ellis, Kristen Atkins, Betsy Neiner, Tisa Gorzynski, Steve Thrash, Josh Ours, Aruna Sarma, Shuchi Sharma, Michelle Wang. **Back Row:** Danny Fahs, Peggy Eales, Pam Scharrer, Michelle Clarke, Johnathan Wichlacz. **Not Pictured:** Kim Mullins, Marie Theriault.



At the Spring District Track Special Olympics, Kilmer athlete Jason Arnold goes for the gold.



Quickly becoming tradition, the Oaktonians lead carols at Partner's Club's annual Christmas Party at Charlie's Place in Fairfax.



During a winter basketball practice Amy Garst coaches Kilmer athlete Bonnie Guerrero, for the basketball Special Olympics, which were cancelled due to circumstances beyond Partner's Club control. *Photo By Rex Vaughn*

Octagon



Front Row: Debbie Ellis, Reyburn Zobot (VP, Fundraising), Kate Witherspoon, Caroleigh Karlsson, Missy Gordon, Alicia Simpson, Elizabeth Hervey, Rithu Rajendran, Helen Ailsworth, Jen East, Jenny McGraw, Kathleen Colin. **Middle Row:** Sean Hutchinson, Tina John, Sallie Howard (VP, Service Projects), Robert Work, Tom Spiewak, Mark Bolino, Carrie Kulesza (President), Liz Steele, Chris Ebbe, Janice Litt, Sharon Nowalk, Liza Phillips, Christie Almond, Kate New, Sara Sunburg, Maja Marshall. **Back Row:** Corina Henriques, Vivian Tsui, Cara Harte, Stephanie Brunetto, Kris Etzel, Beth Westrate, Mary Pender, Meghan O'Donnell (Secretary), Maura Spillane, Mary Naurock, Marie Theriault, Jennifer Rose, Gene Cleckley, Matt Even, Branch Crockett, Alan Lindsay, Pat Mull, Matt Greer.

Partner's . . . people who care.

As the year began and the announcements were spouting off which clubs were having organizational meetings, Partner's Club was mentioned, but what was Partner's Club and what did it do?

Partner's Club was a group of students who worked with mentally handicapped students to prepare for Special Olympics. It was divided into two groups, Kilmer and Davis. Students from Kilmer Center, ages 8-14, met with half of the Oakton members on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, while Davis Center students, ages 14-21, met with the other half of the Oakton students on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Each Kilmer/Davis athlete was paired up with two to four Oakton students to form a group kept throughout the whole year—thus the name "Partner's". The Oakton students then coached their athletes from week to week preparing for Special Olympics. Whether it was bowling, basketball, swimming or track the kids were always enthusiastic. "Bowling was great, the kids would get so excited after knocking over 1 or 2 pins that it wouldn't matter what their final

score was," commented **Tina John**.

Partner's Club didn't end with just Wednesday meetings either; there were also several weekend activities planned throughout the year. In addition to Special Olympics, Partner's went to Oakton football and basketball games, to pizza parties at Godfather's, to Farrells for ice cream parties, and to an airshow at Andrews Air Force Base. Partner's also held an increasingly popular annual picnic for the faculty in the spring.

The purpose of Partner's Club was not to win Special Olympic events, but to create a friendship between coaches and athletes and a learning experience for everyone involved.

"I get a fulfillment in helping someone."—**Sean Noe** "I get a sense of accomplishment"—**Laura Skey**

It's good to know they're having fun and get to have opportunities that they usually don't have"—**Sandi Wesson** "It's fun to see the athletes win medals and be happy and know I'm a part of that."—**Sharon Olson** *Written By Jenny Simmons and Tina John*



The Oakton Partner's provide coaching and encouragement to the athletes throughout the year. At the fall Bowling Special Olympics Vicki Heilig helps her partner, Kilmer student Jennifer Irving.

Partner's Club



Front Row: Michelle Weiting, Kari Foust, Kara Joy, Karen Larson, Teri Foust Vice Pres: Joan Zottig, Treasurer: Christi Fath, Pres: Sheryl Dove, Secretary: Jenny Simmons, Sharon Olson, Stacy O'Callaghan, Jo-el McIntyre, Lisa Ciarliglio, Mary Sorrell, Jenny Phillips, Kate New. **Second Row:** Tricia Keller, Vicki Heilig, Pam Scharrer, Cindy Stringfield, Michelle Clarke, Shandra Defler, Tina John, Christy Cier, Yoo-Jung Kong, Katie Fortner, Kellie Strassheim, Lynne Allen. **Back Row:** Laura Skey, Mary Kuennen, Kim Maruszewski, David Trought, Lisa Youngman, Sandi Wesson, Ted Metzler, Sean Noe, David Field, Erika Fitcher, John Anderson, David Yohler, Kurt St Clair, Todd Townsend, Beth Byers. Not Pictured: De Ferber, Jerri Hickman, Susan Kozlowski, Resi Maddox, Alison Perdew, Michelle Peters, Andrea Sobel, Lisa Youngman, Katy Blackstone, Vicki Heilig.



Chris Roesch makes sure that the food he ate after donating blood doesn't send him to one of the rest areas.



Mark Mandroge and Andy Burns dress for success to impress their teacher on the Teacher Appreciation Day luncheon sponsored by Project Concern.



Determined to "beet" the teachers to the rush, Project Concern member Mike Kalafin, prepares food for their luncheon.

SADD



Front Row: F. Mojallali, D. Elliott, A. Park, A. Russell, T. Motkowski, K. Murphy, J. Christian, L. Searl, K. McDonald, G. Rinker, P. Vaca, M. Yuen, K. Lies, K. Hamilton, H. Allsworth, K. Wheatley, C. Edmonds, H. Bolstein. **Second Row:** Kristen, A. Zeller, C. Jennings, N. Cooke, J.J. Jones, M. Smith, M. Saenz, *, K. Grutzius, N. Bruce, *, C. Randolph, T. Rebibo, M. Wyatt, H. Timer, *, S. Pesantes, L. Stevens, J. Phillips, J. Thomas. **Back Row:** M. Greer (president), *, S. Morris, K. Fortner, B. Hadley, Tracy, M. Riley, J. Kui, S. Sharma, A. Sarma, J. Chang, J. Kochuba, K. Ebbe, K. Domroe, J. Dillman, S. Gibowicz, K. Maruszewski, L. Krause, M. Hill, K. Larson, B. Lenz, *, T. Kolasch.

SADD



Front Row: C. McCarthy, M. Gallice, R. Rijendrew, M. Graves, A. Runyon, P. Kara, W. Garpow, M. Monteverde, J. Cole, S. Smith, A. Sutter, G. Dolmak, L. Juhaz, D. Genova, *, *, *. **Second Row:** Alysondra, M. White, L. Peters, J. Small, M. Waters, Tracy, N. Rominoli, G. Mullins, M. Miller, E. McKean, M. Walker, L. Gatto, K. Pflugrath, C. Mylls, L. Andre, K. Boynton, J. Morgan, T. Murphy. **Back Row:** *, M. Theriault, J. Rose, M. O'Donnel, J. Peters, *, D. Johak, S. Crabb, J. Scott, V. Kochuba, K. Melquist, J. Steigmaier, S. Lee, D. Nelson, T. Storer, T. Nosal, M. Phalen, J. Sullivan, G. Maury.

Cruising with SADD

"Don't drink and drive" is a familiar motto heard and seen nearly everywhere there is a teenager nearby. The message is important, and not one forgotten at school thanks to Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD). This organization is backed by students of Oakton from every class to help the school remember a life-saving saying.

The club began only two years ago and has grown in size to include well over one hundred students. OHS is not singular in having a SADD club however, they are nation wide and work to save lives.

This year the club's organization changed dramatically. With Mrs. Kenyon as the sponsor, the group was also led by co-presidents Heide Bolstein and Matt Greer. The three divided the large club into subgroups responsible for putting together projects ringing clear. "Don't Cruise with Booze."

The committees ranged from the bumper sticker, Area-SADD, Dance-a-thon, and poster divisions. The bumper sticker committee sold car stickers and key chains at basketball games and other events throughout the year. The Area-SADD committee attended meetings outside of school with other chapters. The dance-a-thon committee worked to

organize a fundraiser with the help of local bands and sponsored students. The poster committee dutifully displayed posters again relaying the important message before long weekends, holidays, Prom weekend, and graduation. All these committees worked hard and produced a more aware and conscientious school.

Another activity the club involved itself in was communicating with the PTA and all school parents. They offered contracts to parents and students binding the two to call one another for a ride when dangerously intoxicated with no questions asked right away. They also had a Parent Pledge where parents would sign a document stating that they would chaperone their child's parties and not allow alcoholic beverages to be served. The ideas are simple and may have saved many accidents from occurring. The club's loose structure allowed work to be done in a manner that appealed to the many students involved. If the organization had a "tight ship" attitude and proposed to stop all students from ever even looking at drinks, it would have been much less successful than it was. The organization served its purpose of informing the student body of the dangers of drinking and driving and it also helped the area MADD chapter in reaching the people they try and protect. Out of the many clubs at Oakton, this one is of great importance. It performs a service to all the students yet it still allows a bit of freedom, which appeals to its members and listeners.

Matt Greer, co-president, states that "basically, SADD is a public relations club" that with an organized effort, helps students "arrive alive." *Written by Marie Theriault*



More concerned with not spilling his drink, Greg Mason helps out Project Concern on Teacher Appreciation Day.

Giving Life to Others . . .



Lisa Gawen generously donates her blood to the blood drive sponsored by Safety Council.

Project Concern



Front Row: Andy Burns, David Trought, Mike Kalafin, Alan Lindsay. **Second Row:** Greg Mason, Susan Gibowicz, Susie Poling, B.L. Price. **Third Row:** John Scott, Anthony Crickus, Mark Mandrgoc, Karen Schroeder, Kevin Kozlowski.

Discussions . . . of a Higher Order

If you had lived in this area about the 1920's you could have ridden a cable car downtown instead of the Metro. If you had been wounded in the Battle of Bull Run in the Civil War, there would have been a good chance that you would have been nursed back to health in the Freeman House in Vienna. Such historical facts and issues were discussed among the members of the Synapse Club.

The idea of a formation of such a discussion quorum was started by **Lynn Nguyen** and **Julie Porch** about a year and a half ago. Sitting with **Mr. McFaden** after school, the speaker's forum on subjects of specific interests was thought up and then developed into a club with **McFaden** offering to be the sponsor. **Julie Porch** was "elected" as president but in actuality, there are no officers because **Mr. McFaden** said, "they are all equals." The club had no official membership. "If you show up once, you're a member," commented Mr. McFaden. "No roll was taken, dues paid, or candy sold. Basically the Synapse Club was a speaker's forum to which members of the community were invited to speak on

specific subjects which were of interest to the group. They tried to incorporate different themes that could be continued. In particular this year was Religions of the World. Even with such a theme, they are not limited to that subject.

The fact that the symposiums were informal and allowed for questions from the audience drew people to listen. One of the most popular discussions was on Creationism followed by the speaker on Atheism. For which **Julie Porch** used the Dial-an-Atheist number to get in touch with a qualified speaker for the subject. Another crowd attended to hear **William Kirby**, the under secretary to the United States Department of State, who gave

an informative and clearcut dissertation on the problems and crisis in the Middle East.

At the end of most of these talks, which met on Wednesdays, refreshments of some type were served. The club's goal was well accomplished which was, as **Julie Porch** stated, "to promote learning yet not necessarily on the classroom level."



David Cho, Mike Valliere, Judd Harper, Manik Rath and Andrew Thompson discuss controversies that have arisen in the creationism/evolution debate. Photo By Robert Dant

Synapse Club

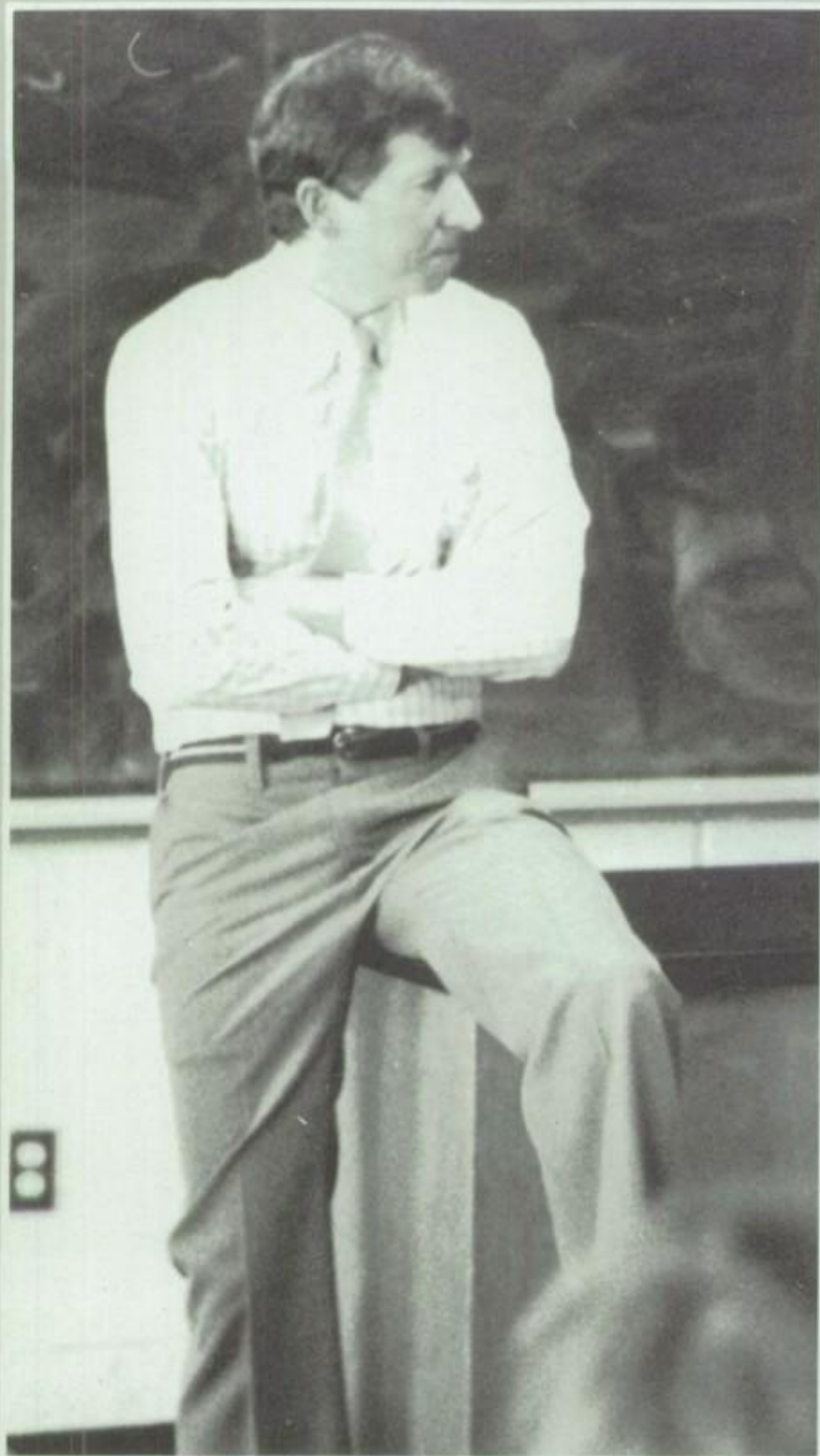


David Beaudry, Sean Osterhaus, Pete Billante, Kenny Nuss, Eric Kauders, Matt Greer, Mike Shimp, Stephen Chung, Hafez Nasr, Scott Lee, Victor Kochuba, Bob Wilburn, Lisa Gawen, Jessie, Pam Kirby, Suchi Sharma, Julie Porch, Diane Dinsmore, Aruna Sarma

And the Debate continues . . .



During a discussion on evolution and creationism **Ted Meteler** explains to **Ken Nuss** that the theory of evolution is based on the scientific method and creationism is all in belief, but both are credible possibilities of the beginning.



Dale Sander's priest, **Mike Minter**, came to Oakton to speak with the Synapse Forum group on creationism.



The President of the Synapse club Julie Porch shares the responsibility with Sean Osterhaus in introducing the speaker of the week.



In its first year Synapse became the most popular of the clubs. **Kirk Melquist** and **Sean Osterhaus** were members from the beginning.

French Club



Tim Murphy, Stacy Smith, Kristi Carlson, Hafez Nasr, Rhea Leinster, Chris Neiner, Helen Ailsworth, Allison Zilor, Kiristen Browne, Jenifer Karsner, Shadi Mofakami, Fati Mojalali, Heather Summy

Starting it off . . .



Amazed by guest speaker Mike Minter members of Synapse are enlightened by his open forum on creationism.

Insights From the Circle

Did you ever write something you wanted an opinion on, but you were too embarrassed to show it to anyone? You could have had a masterpiece in your hands, but you just did not know it. Then the Writers Block may be for you.

The Writer's Block club met on Thursdays and when creative urges were high they also met on Mondays. The club was basically a writing discussion group. Its purpose was to act as a sounding board for student writers. The members received feedback from each other including the work's strengths, weaknesses, reactions, as well as suggestions to the writer.

There were no specific assignments for the members; they wrote as the desire or need arose. The type of literature written was decided on by the individual. Works were of a variety, from poetry, short stories, to novels. One member used the club to improve a school assignment, a research paper.

The club was based on the Northern Virginia Writing Project. The members would produce a product in hopes of improvement. Many teachers at Oakton took the writing course to improve their



Edith Schroder listens intently with joy as a club member reads her story during a sharing session.

writing skills with the four step writing process. English teachers were not the only staff members who had taken the course. **Coach Al Fish, Mr. Drexel George, and Coach Bob Herb** all participated in this writing course.

Make A Story of Success

The Writers Block encouraged publication in literary magazines and other publications. **Rosie Fitzpatrick** was the group's most prominent writer. She won the Principal's Writing Contest last year and had two of her works published in *Opus*.

Reading aloud, some felt, was the hardest part of the meetings. **Rosie** said, "They are a friendly group, I just relax when I prepare to

read."

Writer's Block sponsored a poetry contest in the spring. The club members who hoped to encourage student poets.

Mrs. Sims, the club's sponsor for the past three years, was very enthusiastic about the club. Although membership was small, five consistent members, it was hoped to increase. However, the size made no difference to the dedicated writers.

Opus



Shelly Armentrout, Erin Dories, Jenie, -, Jill Dieana, Lisa Gawen, Heidi Bolstein, Kris Etzel, Beth Westrate, -, Elisibeth Steel, -

Sneak a Peek



Lisa Gawen, Kris Etzil, Mrs Jacobs and Beth Westrate look over the *Opus* layout before making any decisions. Photo by Robert Dant



After collecting her thoughts on paper, Kelley Forbes shares her composition with other Writer's Bloc members in hope of some creative criticism. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Being creative can be a tough accomplishment, but when **Jennifer Karsner** becomes creative, she writes her thoughts down as well as share them with the Writer's Bloc.



When Writer's Bloc members have trouble getting their thoughts down on paper, Mrs. Pam Minnehan-Sims is around to help with different styles of writing that make it easier to express their thoughts.

Writers Block



Jennifer Karsner, Rose Fitzpatrick

Hard At Work . . .



Sponsors play an important part in all of Oaktons clubs. Opus sponsor Ms. Jacobs helps staff members, including Lisa Gawen, with their work.



Apollo Tran lends his expert spreading techniques to the Key Club landscaping project.



Hard at work on the other side of those all too familiar walls is the Key Club. Photo by Amy Jones



Apollo Tran clears away grass on a rainy Saturday morning, making way for bulbs that will come up in the spring.

A Key in the Courtyard.



Robert Myers, Alex Kahn, Rob Clarke, and David Haug are having fun transporting turf for Key Club. Photo by Amy Jones

Key Club



E. Amelink, A. Arieaq, S. Cannon, B. Castle, J. Chin, S. Chin, R. Chubin, R. Clarke, J. Cook, W. D'Ambrogio, J. DeMorro, J. Farrar, M. Farrar, T. Hankinson, S. Hasan, D. Haug, B. Herrington, B. Hoyle, E. Johnson, D. Jonak, A. Kahn, J. Khu, J. Kochuba, V. Kochuba, A. Krickus, S. Liu, J. Luong, A. Marquina, L. McCann, K. McNiff, R. Myers, J. Ours, D. Parker, C. Roberts, T. Schmitz, S. Schwartz, J. Scott, B. Smith, P. Stansberry, G. Stegmeier, G. Stier, J. Teitman, T. Townsend, A. Tran, J. Weiners, S. McNeish.

Let The Forums Begin

IRC Holds Model UN Meetings

"We got off to a late start but still accomplished most of our goals," said **Ken Nuss**. The goal of the International Relations Club (IRC) this year was to educate club members about the new Security Council through involvement with their embassies. IRC invited the speakers of the embassies of Zambia, Ghana, Argentina, Italy, West Germany, UAE, Japan, Bulgaria, Venezuela, South Africa, Israel, and Pakistan to talk to students about subjects such as public policy and the cultures of their respective nations.

The IRC, sponsored by the Collegiate Council for the United Nations (CCUM) is a model United Nations club. Participating schools from Fairfax submitted applications to CCUM to represent two or more countries in the model UN, held at Georgetown University. After the applications were received, school delegations with the best quality of knowledge on the countries were accepted. During the model UN, complete with the Trusteeship Council, Court of Justice, and Security Council, students debated issues and presented speeches supporting their countries. Judges presided over the model assembly and gave awards to the best delegation, orator, and model UN representative.

Although no delegation from Oakton won any awards, **Mrs. Smith**, the organization's sponsor, described the

experience as "interesting, stimulating, and rewarding." **Mrs. Smith** focused her efforts on showing the various sides of every issue. "This year we wanted practical experience in bringing substantial information to the schools." All IRC meetings and speeches were open to interested students and faculty. "This way," **Smith** added, "students learned and prepared for the model UN

meetings. **Ken Nuss** called this year's IRC "different and better than last year's club. Students learned and discussed pertinent topics of today." **Ted Metzler**, another active member, liked the improvements made over last year and the informative participation of the embassy representatives. "IRC broaden its scope," he notes "by inviting guest speakers." The only negative aspect of this year's IRC was that some

students did not hear all of the speeches and therefore saw and believed the pro's of the issues and sometimes ignored the con's. An excellent example, active member **Manzour Shazad** pointed out, was that of the South Africa representative. "He defended his country's position so well that some kids may have been hood-winked."

Scott Caudill who heard the South African speech commented after it, "Well, that's what IRC is all about. I've heard one side of an issue, now let me hear the other." *Written By Catherine Bruce*



Nadar Salei is overwhelmed with the vibes he is receiving from the IRC discussion. Photo by Robert Dant

Making a Profound Statement . . .



Manzour raises an interesting point during an IRC meeting. Photo by Robert Dant

IRC



Tod Casey deliberates the latest point being discussed in an IRC meeting. Photo by Robert Dant



Robert Reed lifts Kerry Stevens off her feet as they stay "on the move" during '86 band camp in Orkney Springs.



Flag and Rifle Corps practice their routine before a Friday pep rally during the fall.



Jay Jones, Debbie Hickman, Josh Lee and Jeff Weidman take time off during summer band camp.

Flag and Rifle Corps



D. Beaudry, W., D. Black, J. Bland, D. Boudreau, J. Christian, M. Corrado, W. Daniels, B. Erickson, J. Fleming, M. Fradette, C. Futamase, L. Gilmore, K. Grish, M. Gustafson, D. Hickman, J. Jones, J. Keen, G. Kelson, M. Kelso, L. Krause, A. Larson, J. Lee, C. Lewis, C. Malello, T. Manzardo, K. Matus, C. McCarney,

Band



K. McNiff, S. Osterhaus, W. Penn, M. Phillips, R. Pierce, S. Poling, S. Radeker, R. Reed, M. Rioux, M. Rosa, M. Rupo, J. ShoeMaker, K. Stevens, T. Strait, D. Wayne, K. Weiland, J. Wiedman, T. Williams, J. Wilson, M. Wright, J. Musick, L. Bar-na, D. Cox, J. Ginger.

Hitting That Perfect Beat

Band Members Rate Superior

During the 1986-87 school year over 200 Marching Band members participated in at least four local competitions and in the Vienna Halloween Parade, which they had won for the past two years and rated "superior," the highest rating possible.

The band owed much of its success to their dedicated director, **Ms. Cheryl Newton**. The

band was also the only musical unit selected to participate in the grand opening ceremonies of the new Macy's department store in Annapolis, giving the band a strong sense of honor and prestige. Senior **Sandy Wilson**, a rifle twirler with the band, related, "It was a great experience to be part of a close-knit group such as the band. We worked hard, made friends, and we won."

It was not uncommon for an individual in the band to have achieved a personal honor. In the All-Virginia State Band Competition, held at James Madison University, **Josh Lee** was selected as First Tenor Saxophone. **David Beaudry** and **Susan Cisernos** were selected as fourth chair alternates on clarinet and bassoon, respectively.



The marching band was able to show off its new, and long-awaited uniforms at the pep rallies and home games. Not only did they have a winning sound, but they looked sharp.

Aside from local and state competitions, the Marching Band traveled to Myrtle Beach last April.

"It was a great experience to be part of ... the band."

They received top awards in all categories of marching, concert and jazz performances. Hours were spent at band camp in August in order to develop skills necessary to achieve more trophies. The band worked very hard putting together the marching show, polishing the music, and perfecting guard routines, but they also had time for fun and relaxation. Although the

band felt they received little recognition from the majority of Oakton's population, the members were still enthusiastic about the program, and felt it was a great opportunity to make friends and to perfect their talents. *Written by Caroleigh Karlsson*

Jazz Lab



Will Bentley, David Black, Mike Barber, Derek Boudreau, Scott Dyer, Zack Jernigan, Jay Jones, Josh Lee, Rich Peirce, Juliet Porch, Scott Radeker, Robert Reed, Adam Scott, Tim Straght, Jeff Weidman, Debbie Hickman, Mike Corrado, John Keen, Andy Larson.

Symphonic Orchestra



W. Barkes, R. Bradbury, T. Cho, R. Hoglund, J. Irish, J. Martin, K. Miller, J. Moore, A. Perdew, J. Phillips, J. Rands, S. Regester, L. Rodriguez, T. Rodriguez, V. Rosa, S. Sarma, B. Steier, H. Swift, P. Vaca, H. Waugh, T. Whiten, P. Disney, S. Hale, H. Ailsworth, J. Bland, R. Fitzpatrick, C. Frank, A. Fuller, P. Halesky, J. Kim, Y. Kong, L. Lauderback, R. Lenster, K. Martin, J. Mills, M. Moyer, K. Ohmori, J. Ours, S. Smith, S. Sundberg, L. Tucker, T. Wang

On the way to Stardom

Singing at the Kennedy Center

Once again, the Oakton Choruses enjoyed a highly successful and very active year of singing and performing under their director, **Mrs. Carolyn Williams**. The Chorale, the Oaktonians, and the Girls Ensemble presented three major concerts — the Holiday Concert in December, the Talent/Fifties Show in March, and the Spring Choral Concert in May—as well as participating in All-Virginia Honors Chorus, the All-County Music Spectacular, District Chorus, and All-State Chorus.

The Chorale was especially thrilled to be invited to sing at the annual Holiday Festival at the Kennedy Center in December, as well as the annual WMAL live broadcast performance from the stage of the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

During this year's talent show, which was directed by Mrs. Williams, all choruses as a group sang Elvis medleys. The performance was professionally choreographed, they danced in 50's costumes. Later in the show the Oaktonians came out and sang Summer Nights, from Grease. David Fields sang Calendar Girl.

The Oaktonians, which are a highly select group of four boys and four girls from the Chorale, were very active as usual, receiving several invitations to give extra performances in the community. The talent in the Oaktonians was particularly outstanding this year. Members of the 1986-87 Oaktonians were

Michelle Black, Scott Farthing, David Fields, Cory Hayden, Jeanie Jeong, Mike King, Robin Sayers, Bobby Williamson, and their accompanist is **Danee Chung**.

All the choruses enjoyed the annual choral trip in May to Bush Gardens Williamsburg daily class rehearsals, with fun and friendship, and the opportunities to achieve and receive honors and recognition made this trip a

memorable one. Scott Farthing received the choral departments music honor award, and Brian Young was named outstanding choral member. Mrs. Williams said "this was one of the best years yet." The choruses continue to be one of the largest and most active organizations of Oakton High. *Written By Carol Williams and Pam Scharrer.*



Tenors: Juan Nunez, Rob Clark, Richard Probst, Amy Painter, Bobby Williamson, Todd Townsend, Rob Stansberry, Amy Comer and Stacy Hillegeist take a little time out of their rehearsal to joke about Bonnie.

Chorale



H. Barbier, M. Black, K. Bolinsky, C. Bonner, J. Nunez, T. Bullock, R. Calvert, L. Carlson, K. Chertak, R. Clark, K. Clegg, A. Comer, T. Darby, K. Donovan, S. Farthing, D. Feild, T. Gorzynski, L. Guyton, C. Hayden, S. Hillegeist, E. Hinckley, J. Jeong, H. Jessup, P. Kaloi, S. Keplinger, M. King, P. Kirby, V. Kubic, C. Lyon, D. Mecimore, R. Meyers, S. Nash, M. Naurock, D. Nelson, S. Nemetz, B. O'Neill, A. Painter, S. Parrott, L. Phillips, M. Phillips, R. Posey, R. Probst, L. Pyles, M. Rafidi, K. Ramey, S. Reed, T. Robison, R. Sayers, L. Snapper, R. Stansberry, M. Stone, S. Stover, L. Streck, J. Szimonisz, T. Tapp, T. Townsend, D. Trought, B. Williamson, T. Mobley

Girls' Ensemble



Heather Arrendale, Karen Berglund, Karrie Chisholm, Dahee Chung, Kristi Crosson, Michelle Erno, Becky Fix, Kari Foust, Sara Franzen, Teri Foust, Kristina Gubitosi, Dana Joy, Ann Kewell, Anne Lustfeldt, Jenny Luther, Youngchu Park, Janice Peacemaker, Shawna Rankin, Lenore Reda, Suzanne Rich, Liliane Schroth, Debbie Selden, Andrea Sobel, Nikki Taylor, Michelle Teste, Melinda White, Dena Witbeck



Stars and Stripes Forever, one song that evokes much emotion, requires much practice after school to perfect.



Kristina Gubitosi coaxes a melody out of the piano before a rehearsal for the Girls Ensemble.



The Oaktonians not only perform for Oakton students also sing along with the Partner's club athletes.

Oaktonians



Michelle Black, Scott Farthing, David Feid, Cory Hayden, Jeanie Jeong, Mike King, Robin Sayers, Bobbie Williamson

Concert Band



D. Adkisson, K. Backofen, M. Barber, E. Beal, A. Becker, J. Bozekl, M. Burch, L. Butler, S. Choe, J. Chown, J. Clem, A. Collins, D. Cronin, A. Davis, M. Drew, C. Dye, R. Reignbaum, B. Foley, C. Ford, B. Hadley, A. Hall, C. Hattendorf, J. Hattendorf, T. Jones, R. Ketcha, A. Kindred, A. Lane, W. Lorah, H. Maines, S. Martin, D. McIntyre, J. Musick, J. Navarette, M. Poulin, J. Prucha, R. Rider, G. Rinker, R. Robertson, T. Russo, A. Scott, K. Sheeley, J. Smernoff, S. Smith, A. Stone, M. Tapp, E. Thomas, A. Thompson, S. Trabut, J. Trinidad, G. Varholy, T. Watson, E. Whitener, Y. Williams, D. Wilson, J. Woods, S. McGinnis

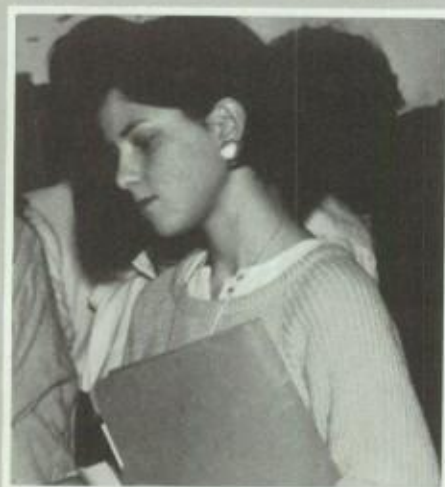
Oakton's Hoagie People

Selling with honor

In spring, Oakton's National Honor Society President organized their annual Hoagie Sale. This year's president, **Susan Modesitt**, was greatly helped by vice president, **Pam Kirby**, secretary, **Christy Smith**, treasurer, **Robin Sayers**, and their sponsor **Mrs. Lundegard**.

Hoagies were NHS's biggest fundraiser. Members sold the sandwiches for two dollars each. On Saturday February 14, 1987 members got together and made them. When Monday arrived the hoagies were distributed, they made a delicious lunch for many Oakton students. Money earned from these hoagies allowed NHS to purchase tassels and honor bands to wear during graduation.

This was the first year sophomores were admitted into the club. They applied as mere freshmen with a 3.5 grade point average or better. All applicants had to meet this requirement in order to fill out the four essay application. This sounds like an unbelievable task, but those who passed gained this notable honor and



Muffet Monteverde waits for a chance to pay her National Honor Society dues.

seniors received their honor tassel and band to wear during graduation.

"Selling hoagies for the National Honor Society is very beneficial," stated **Mary Naurock**

Because this year's club contained so many outstanding students there was additional help for **Susan Modesitt**. **Heather Summey** was elected president for the juniors. She was then helped by juniors: **Jenny Gorondy**, vice president; **Rachel Valtos**, secretary; and **Libby Teachout**, treasurer.

In addition this Hoagie Sale, National Honor Society also tutors high school students and travels to elementary schools to help younger children. Sometimes it was difficult to find members who were willing to donate their time to tutor. Those who did, enjoyed it, especially with the younger children.

Susan Modesitt states "It is a lot of responsibility. I have to run or at least supervise most of the programs that the National Honor Society is involved with. All of the officers have quite a few responsibilities especially during inductions and the annual Hoagie Sale." *Written by Pam Scharrer*

National Honor Society



First Row: Hafez Nasr, Twee Tran, Pam Kirby, Sarah Stover. **Second Row:** Christina Grieger, Susan Modisett, Suzie Bosquin. **Third Row:** Kim Mullins, David Dubray, Shelly Armentrour, Rhen Leinster, Scott Sheppard, Laura Milstead. **Fourth Row:** Christy Smith, Gavin Hill, Amy Jones, Mike Phalen, Tim Murphy, Jamie Grim, Danny Fahs.

French Honor Society



M. Alexandro, E. Amelink, M. Anderson, T. Antler, S. Arementrout, J. Bang, B. Bedell, D. Black, H. Bolstein, M. Booker, S. Bosquin, G. Brandt, J. Brown, S. Burch, C. Burrows, D. Calvert, P. Campbell, S. Caudill, B. Chase, R. Clarkd, K. Clegg, S. Cole, C. Cook, J. Cook, L. Davis, M. Devido, J. Diehl, D. Dinsmore, E. Dorries, G. Doyle, H. Doyle, J. East, C. Espinoza, D. Fahs, C. Fath, C. Frank, K. Frame, A. Fuller, L. Gawn, C. Grieger, J. Grim, C. Haas, P. Halesky, S. Hasan, M. Herbert, G. Hill, L. Hoang, C. Holt, K. Hwang, J. Kim, J. Johnson, A. Jones, E. Kauders, J. Kim, P. Kirby, C. Knicely, J. Lasswell, S. Lee, J. Lee, R. Leinster, C. Lewis, S. Lindquist, P. Luong, C. Marshall, M. McGilvray, K. McNiff, C. Medlin, J. Melody, T. Metzler, Jr., L. Milstead, H. Min, S. Modisett, K. Mullins, R. Myers, M. Naurock, D. Nelson, L. Nguyen, N. Nguyen, J. Norris, H. Oh, J. Ours, C. Park, M. Pender, D. Petruska, M. Phalen, C. Phillips, J. Phillips, C. Placanica, J. Porch, P. Prikels, T. Raynor, M. Reed, B. Reinhardt, C. Roberts, R. Sayers, J. Sikora, C. Smith, P. Stansbery, A. Stenbit, T. Stralt, S. Stover, L. Stukel, C. Sympton, J. Teirman, M. Theriult, S. Thrash, D. Tran, N. Tran, L. Vaughn, T. Wang, M. Warner, J. Washington, K. Weiland, N. Westrate, S. West, R. Williamson, D. Worthington, M. Wright, K. Wyte, D. Yohler



Following a strict script; Pam Scharrer ignites the path to the future for the Spanish Honor Society initiation.



The Bahamas sound nice to Susan Modesitt as she collects the NHS dues, but unfortunately she can't spend the money herself, all goes to scholarship funds.



Little do they know, but their Spanish Honor Society initiation will condemn them to Central American affairs forever.

German Honor Society



Front Row: Pam Shearer, Julie Diehl, Cindy Burrows, Laura Stukel, Aimee Park. **Second Row:** John Carlson. **Third Row:** Jin Kim, Josh Ours, Scott Lee, Lisa Gawen. **Back Row:** Sang Lee, Rob Clark, Scott Caudill, Brian Bedell, Paula Halesky, Shahab Hasan, Chris Phillips

Spanish Honor Society



Sean Osterhaus, Scott Radeker, Marybeth Reed, Christine Sheese, Kristen Phlograth, Cathy Lewis, Heidi Bolstein.

Amy Cook smiles as she tallies up the number of carnations she is going to receive in the Keyettes carnation sale. Photo by *Robert Dant*



Helen Ailsworth, Jill Norris, Maura McGilvray, and Christine Placanica enjoy planning an activity. Photo by *Robert Dant*



Helen Ailsworth and Maura McGilvray listen intently to a suggestion. Photo by *Robert Dant*

Keyettes



Megan Warner, Kristen Pflugrath, Sara Vaughn, Kristine Mylls enjoy finding out who likes whom from the carnation sales. Photo by *Rex Vaughn*

Prom Committee



Front Row: Tricia Manzardo, Yoo-Jung Kong, Linda Peters, Krissy Winer, Susie Strong, Kate New, June Roman, Mimi Kauders, Andrea Neves, Christine Sheese, Stephanie Sanders

Planning Takes Patience For A Prom of Perfection

The Prom Committee, composed entirely of Juniors, held meetings regularly throughout the year to plan for the 1987 Junior/Senior Prom. Chaired by Class President Larry Juhasz three subcommittees were formed, each of which had its own chairperson. Juhasz said of his position, "It's been very educational." The Photography and Decorations Committee was chaired by Susie Poling, Invitations and Favors by Yoo-Jung Kong, and Kim Stallings was in charge of the Band Committee. Mrs. Koditek helped the committee in her third year as class sponsor as did Mr. George Griswold, 1988's administrative sponsor. Juhasz remarked, "Mrs. Koditek and Mr. Griswold offered a lot of support throughout the year..."

Traditionally, the Junior Class sponsors the Prom, held annually in the spring. Naturally, class activities were necessary to raise money to fund the Prom. With more class participation, however, the fund raisers would have been even more successful. Through a Reeses/M&M candy sale, a calendar sale, a magazine

drive, and a carwash in April 1987, the class raised money to put in the class treasury. Activities unique to the class of 1988 included doughnut sales (which raised \$2,000) and two yard sales in the fall of 1984 and 1985. The class successfully raised close to \$9,000 to pay for the Junior/Senior Prom, thanks to the hard work of the officers.

One of the major obstacles the committee faced was finding a facility large enough to accommodate about 1,000 students and faculty expected at the dance. The

Sheraton National in Arlington was decided on in May of 1986, and Prom was held on May 23, 1987. The theme of Prom 1987 was to the tune of popular rock group Bon Jovi's "Never Say Goodbye." The band "Finale" provided the music. The year of preparation and vital organization was fun for those involved. Juhasz commented, "The best part was going to choose the band at the band showcases. When you go to a concert you hear one or maybe two bands play. We heard eight bands. By the time it was over, we couldn't even hear!" *Written by Amy Jones*



Sara Vaughn makes a delivery of a Valentine's Carnation. Photo by Robert Dant

Be Mine



Michellene Kaul prepares to spread the word about the Keyettes' Valentines' Carnation Sale. Photo by Robert Dant

Pres. M. McGilvray, VP S. Stover, Sec. J. Norris, Treas. C. Placanica, Members H. Ailsworth, L. Allen, A. Alvarez, S. Alvarez, P. Amaro, T. Bell, W. Bennett, N. Berg, J. Bitner, K. Browne, S. Brunetto, K. Burpee, D. Bury, S. Campbell, L. Castle, J. Chamberlain, S. Chilcoat, J. Christian, L. Clarleglio, J. Cole, A. Cook, K. Crosson, J. Dillman, A. DeFrees, D. Elliott, M. Gallice, W. Garpow, A. Gaske, S. Gibowicz, M. Graves,

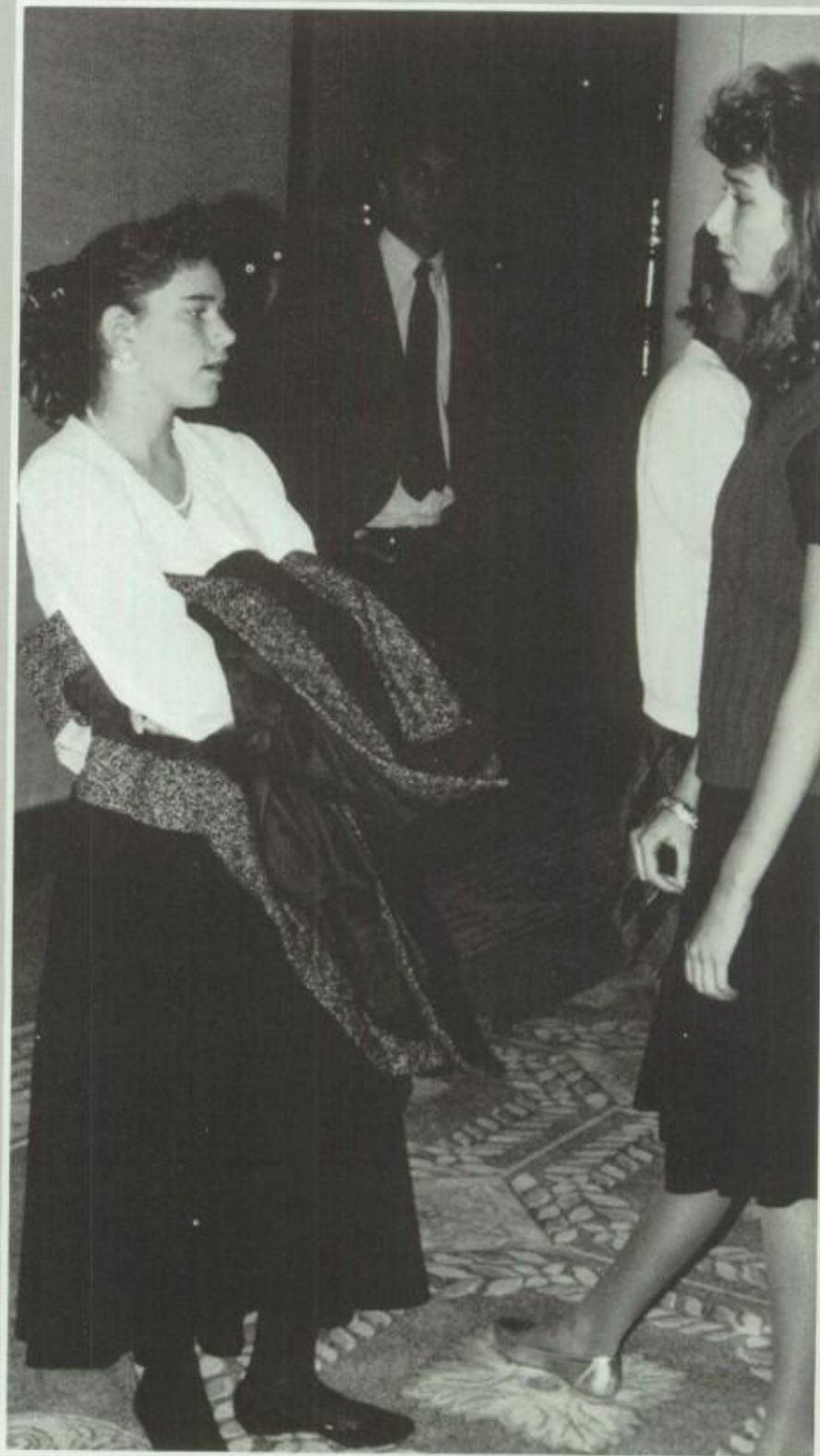


C. Hanley, C. Hanna, H. Harding, C. Harte, C. Haydon, S. Holbert, W. Hoyt, J. Jeong, J. Johnson, M. Kauders, P. Kara, J. Kelly, R. Ketcha, Y. Kong, V. Kubic, T. Loftstrom, R. Maddox, T. Manzardo, J. Martini, K. Matus, K. McBee, E. McKearn, T. Miller, F. Mojallali, N. Modesitt, K. Mull, K. Mylls, B. Neiner, K. Neiner, K. New, H. Oughton, K. Pak, A. Park, J. Park, J. Park, L. Peters, T. Pettengill, K. Pflugrath, N. Phillips, S. Poling, R. Rajendran, A. Reza, R. Richardson, M. Riley, M. Rioux, J. Roman, A. Runyon, S. Sanders, J. Schaeffer, B. Shuford, C. Smith, D. Smith, S. Smith, M. Sorrell, K. Stallings, E. Steele, N. Stellato, L. Stevens, A. Sutter, H. Swift, E. Thomas, R. Thranhardt, T. Timperlake, S. Uttech, M. Vaca, J. Valltos, R. Valltos, S. Vaughan, M. Vichery, S. Voigt, M. Warner, B. Weitrob, B. Willis, D. Wilson, G. Wondolowski, M. Yuen, A. Zeller

Beth Westrate, Junior, realizes she was given the wrong directions to the Tyson's Sheraton Hotel.



The future of the country depends upon our generation Stephanie Sanders gets help from Mrs. Thomson in filling out a purchase order.



DECA students discuss the Sheraton lecture in the hotel's lobby.

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Entrepreneurs . . .

provide the basis for the future

Many people do not know what DECA represents. Besides standing for Distributive Education Clubs of America, it represents over 150 young, enthusiastic members who explored a wide range of vocational careers.

Through the public schools system, it provided instruction in the field of distribution or marketing. Club members found jobs dealing with retail, sales, styling, and modeling. "Through participation we developed personal abilities that will help us in later years," said Senior **Jen Gormley**. **Susan Harnett**, who has participated in the program for the past two years, commented, "DECA gave me credit for working in my fashion related job, and helped my GPA."



Terry McFarland, Senior and DECA's regional Vice President, calls the breakfast meeting to order.

"Through participation we developed personal abilities that will help us in later years." **Jen Gormley, Senior**

of them won ribbons, however Terry McFarland won first place in the competition, which advanced him toward the regional contest.

During the course of the year two field trips were planned one to Reading, Pennsylvania, and one to New York. Their purpose was to expose students to both retail and wholesale markets, as well as meet designers. Other activities included Toys For Tots, the annual picnic, and the fashion show.

Overall, because of their participation, they gained prestige and recognition in the school community. *Written by Tracy Lansdown and Liz Lauffer*

Many students also enjoyed the cooperative education training. **Jenny McClenny, Liz Lauffer, Susan Hauck, and Terry McFarland** represented District 14 in a local competition in events related to the skills being developed in their curriculum. All

DECA



First Row: K. Fix, H. Phillips, L. Peters, C. Bak, L. Vann, C. Henriques, K. Campbell, N. Rasnic, C. Sever, A. Jett, V. Balbuena, T. Reibbo, J. Gormley, L. Adams, S. Hartnet, R. Cox, D. Sherwood. **Second Row:** C. Knoll, V. Watkins, T. McFarland, J. Litt, L. Davidian, S. Nguyen, L. Lauffer, A. Bugel, K. Stzel, A. Hatch, G. Tompson, A. Seitz, B. Robinson, D. Smith, M. Sadiq, V. Hogbin, S. Fisher. **Third Row:** R. Khanna, K. Larsen, D. Manning, B. Lagamarsino, K. Binley, C. Campbell, T. Welch, J. Bergstrom, C. Owens, W. Carr, J. Barbers, D. Miller, J. Peters, M. Reynolds, S. Hauck, K. Crab, L. Larson, T. Lansdown, S. Cosky, G. Acevedo, S. Musleh, J. Paries, D. Gibson.

DECA



First Row: C. Karlsson, N. Maresca, C. Dunn, J. Ruff, R. Evangelisto, E. Kao, M. Hayes, C. Placanica, C. Singleton, M. Gifford, N. Martinowsky, C. Park, J. Bergstrom, J. Cohn. **Second Row:** L. Lloyd, M. Gordon, A. Simpson, J. McClenny, M. Bishop, T. Bouchard, L. Lally, K. McBee, C. Harte, K. Bellamy, K. Lehner, L. Johnson, B. Cates, K. Schreiner, A. Jacobsen, K. Schumann, M. Black. **Third Row:** K. Walker, J. Washington, S. Bousquin, M. Clark, D. Bennett, B. Robinson, G. Thompson, C. Stringfield, K. Boynton, D. Worthington, L. Andre, K. Mylls, J. Wilson, S. Gerhart, L. Fortunato, B. Westrate, A. Celestini, D. Tremble, C. Garst, J. Johnson, P. Miller.

"HE WHO DARES WINS"

The 2:00 pm (a.k.a. 1400 hours to those enlisted in the Military History Club) bell rang, and the rendezvous point was room 245. This unique club offered

military enthusiasts a chance to discuss and explore the many aspects of the military, ranging from weaponry and strategics to new technological advances and famous figures. The club was well organized and participated in various activities. In the Homecoming Float Competition they captured second place for the second year in a row. MHC also watched

war movies and documentaries, as well as playing strategy games and "capture the flag" survival wars. Guest speakers were invited to speak at club meetings which were usually held on Tuesdays or Thursdays, and a few field trips were also on the agenda. The Corps was divided into three basic companies: Charlie, Bravo, and Able—each team having different tasks. A special forces team known as Delta was called upon for secret missions. All members were issued uniforms with their ranks on the sleeves. The Cougar Commandos might have been the most unpredictable group of Oaktonians. During the course of the school year,

MHC sent draft notices in order to increase the membership of their force. Pretty sneaky, huh? "He who dares wins!" was the slogan that carried the club

this year. MHC dares what others do not. Instead of making a traditional float, the platoon created a WWII fighter plane, thus, placing in the competition. Last year, MHC made a replica of a Sherman tank. During the judging of the float, Delta team was busy at work, guarding the plane and munching on Shaky's pizza. Elizabeth Jordan, John Moore, and Jae

Kmu were the commanders of Able, Bravo, and Charlie respectively. Unlike most clubs that try to have about a million candy sales, the MHC usually has one—because they feel there isn't a need for more if it's done right the first time. At the end of the year, it is traditional to have a banquet. Bill Miller, the Grand Marshal, and Appollo Tran, General Liaison, both contributed greatly to this club. Sponsored by Ms. McKenny, and headed by supreme commander Scandal, the Military History Club has continued to grow and succeed. Remember, "He who dares wins!"



Members of the Military History Club threaten the judges with their Homecoming float entry.

Military History Club

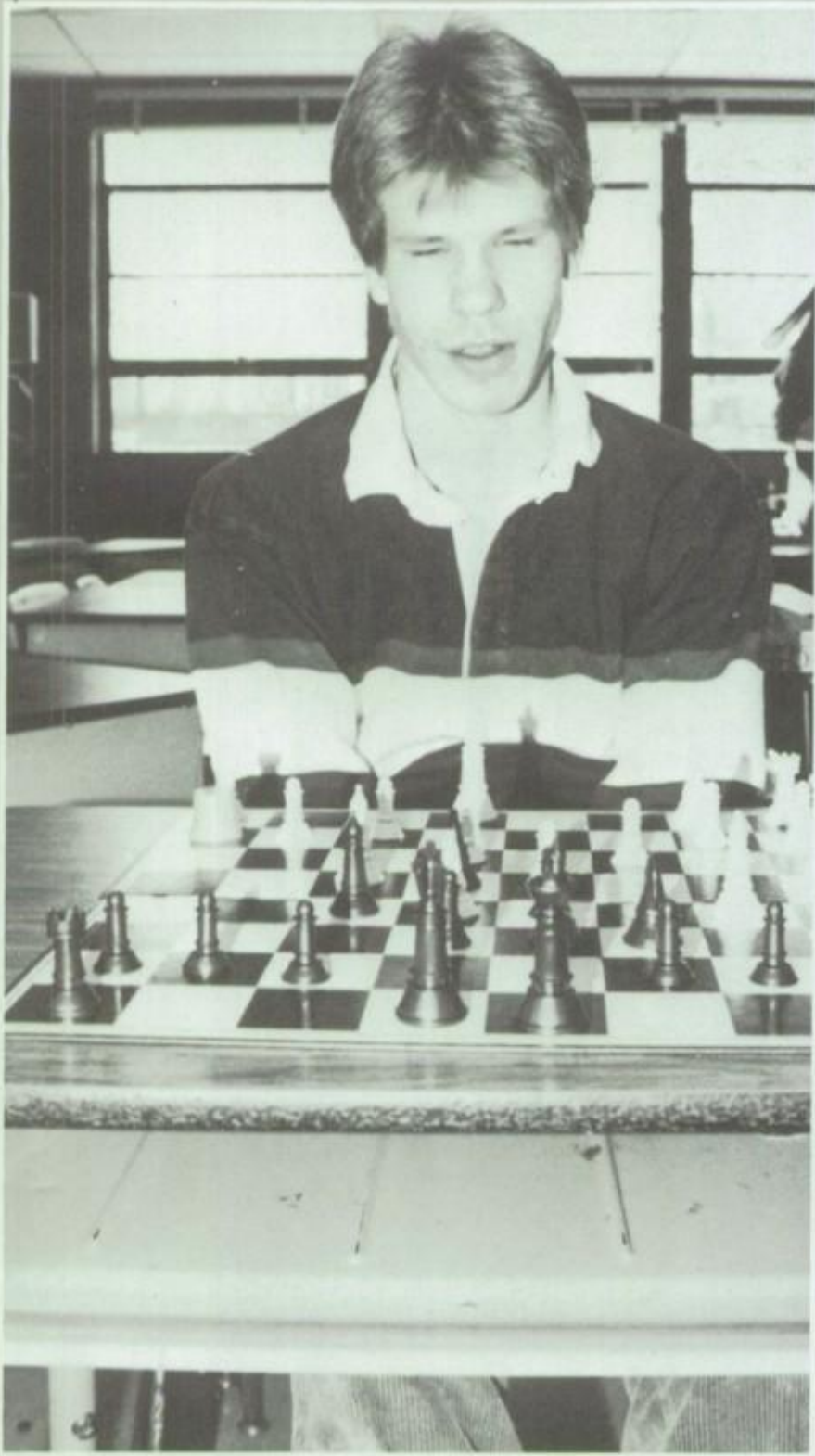


Craig Baldauf, Mike Beal, Todd Bramble, Joe Chin, Sung Chin, Robert Dew, Chris Grella, Carl Hagenbrock, Kevin Hamilton, Joe Handley, Andrew Herbst, Jerry Hudson, David Jonak, Elizabeth Jordan, Mike Kalafian, Glenn Kelso, Mark Kelso, Joe Khu, Kevin Link, Eric Lohman, James Luong, John McCarthy, Alex Marquina, Bill Miller, Jon Moore, Doug Mosemann, Scandal Nguyen, Ian Norfolk, Ben Phan, Jack Rasnic, Nate Schmitz, Paul Stanhagen, John Teitman, Gordon Tittlemore, Chris Tompkins, Apollo Tran, David Trought, Troy Wesson, Brendon Woods, Darin Dunston, Paul Able, Hafez Naasr, Mike Sweeny, Todd Casey, Scott Scallorn

Flying High



Kevin Hamilton adds to the Homecoming float, hoping that it will soar.



Kevin Hamilton, Junior, thinks he is being bluffed in a game of solitaire chess.



Mr. and Mrs. Hall dress up in their Geo-History finest.



In a game against Kenny Perez, Hafez Nasr uses psychokenesis to distract his opponent.

VICA



First Row: Nathan Bosten, Mary Busch, Tonya Vineyard, Dee Penn. **Second Row:** Tonya Norman, Rick Duvall, Robert Allen, Mirwais Hamidzada. **Third Row:** Trevor Young, . . . , Jeff Cole, John Deluca, Mark Hovercamp, Babak Salehi, Paul Scott.

Chess Club



First Row: Mike Sweeney, Scott Nah, Hafez Nasr. **Second Row:** Kenny Perez, Nader Salehi, Mansour

Always Something To Do

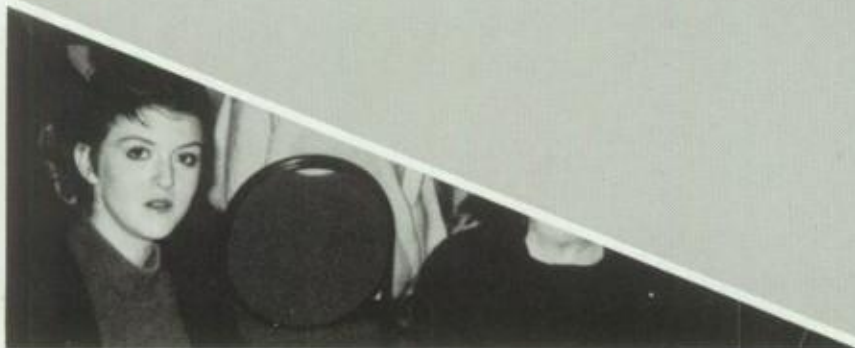
Oakton has a wide variety of clubs, they range from band to volleyball to a chemistry club. Many sports that are not well known around area schools are classified under clubs.

The lacrosse club challenges private schools and area towns in Virginia and Maryland to games at local parks. In a club sport you don't have to belong to the school that sponsors it, anyone can join. All athletes buy their own equipment and provide their own transportation to games. At one time some Oakton students were trying to start an ultimate club (frisbee). It's very hard to get someone willing to spend time to coach a club though.

Oakton's clubs also include intermural sports such as volleyball, soccer and basketball. Students made teams and challenged each other. Intermurals are great for those students with a tough schedule who wanted to participate but didn't have time for daily practices. **Curt Botman** and **Mel Booker** played indoor soccer at Sports Network in Manassas. Curt said, "Since I started playing indoor soccer 5 years ago, it provided a break in the routine of outdoor soccer and got you ready for high school soccer in the spring." Many other students such

as **Mike Phallen**, **Joe Volk**, and **Kip Wilkowski** also

Robin Sayers helps pass out National Honor Society papers.



Beth Westrate, Allison Jacobson and Anna Celestini wait for their dinner on the DECA field trip to New York.

enjoy indoor soccer. Indoor soccer is great for those people dedicated to play soccer year round, they never get out of shape and continue to improve.

Oakton's clubs also have a scholastic side. There are clubs for all types of studies. For a person crazy over math or science, there was the math team or chemistry club. If you happen to love history, you could have joined the geo-history club. There are also clubs for all the different languages here at Oakton.

Oakton has clubs that help the school, such as student government and prom committee, and clubs that help others such as SADD (students against drunk driving) and Partner's Club.

Peggy Eales, a new student, said, "I joined clubs to meet people, clubs can enrich your perspective in a variety of extra-curricular activities." Clubs give students a chance to expand their interests or deepen an interest in one particular topic. Most seniors did confess, however, that they joined many clubs in their junior and senior years to make their high school record look more impressive to colleges.

Oakton has so many clubs that no matter why you join, there's always one that you can enjoy.

There's definitely one out there that will interest you. *written by Pam Scharrer*

Catherine Bruce finishes Mike Goetz's make-up.





Lisa Gawen and Shelly Armantrout review OPUS proofs.

The finishing touches to the Laura T. are added by Mike Fall of the Military History Club.



Angie Bugle and Cary Garyst light the candles for the DECA initiation ceremony.



Electives The Arts

Humanities

ACADEMICS



Of or pertaining to a school, especially one for higher learning. The function of any school is to prepare its students to **move** into the real world, and it does this through its academic program. At OHS, students study a wide variety of subjects. Important life skills such as reading, math, and self expression through speech and writing are taught.

Along with the factual knowledge acquired, an ability to reason and use knowledge in new and innovative ways developed. The academic curriculum provided for the students planning to attend college and for the students interested in pursuing work opportunities directly after graduation. Oakton's academics were **on the move** with excellence thanks to a dedicated staff and faculty ready to meet the needs of their students. *Written by Robert Dant*

Matt Moor, Jeff Smith, Brad Guel, and Matt Horman explore the possible uses of lab equipment in their earth science class. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Math and Sciences

Career Learning

For the past four years, Oakton has offered a variety of vocational courses which have recently become quite popular. The program, which began with an enrollment of only seven students, expanded, and by the end of the 1986-87 school year included 122 students. This program presented an opportunity to students to learn not only textbook material, but it also educated them for

jobs in marketing, the industrial field, and for office-oriented employment.

Students were educated in a number of ways, including field trips, and videos. Many acquired jobs relating to their field of study. Some students had the option of leaving school early to work. Their employers evaluated them. The number of hours a student worked often decided the

number of credits he/she received. Students automatically received one credit for taking fashion merchandising and marketing education, it was possible to receive two credits by working part time (or 270 hours a year), and three credits for working 15 hours a week (or 540 hours a year).

Other courses where students received on-the-job training were industrial cooperative training,

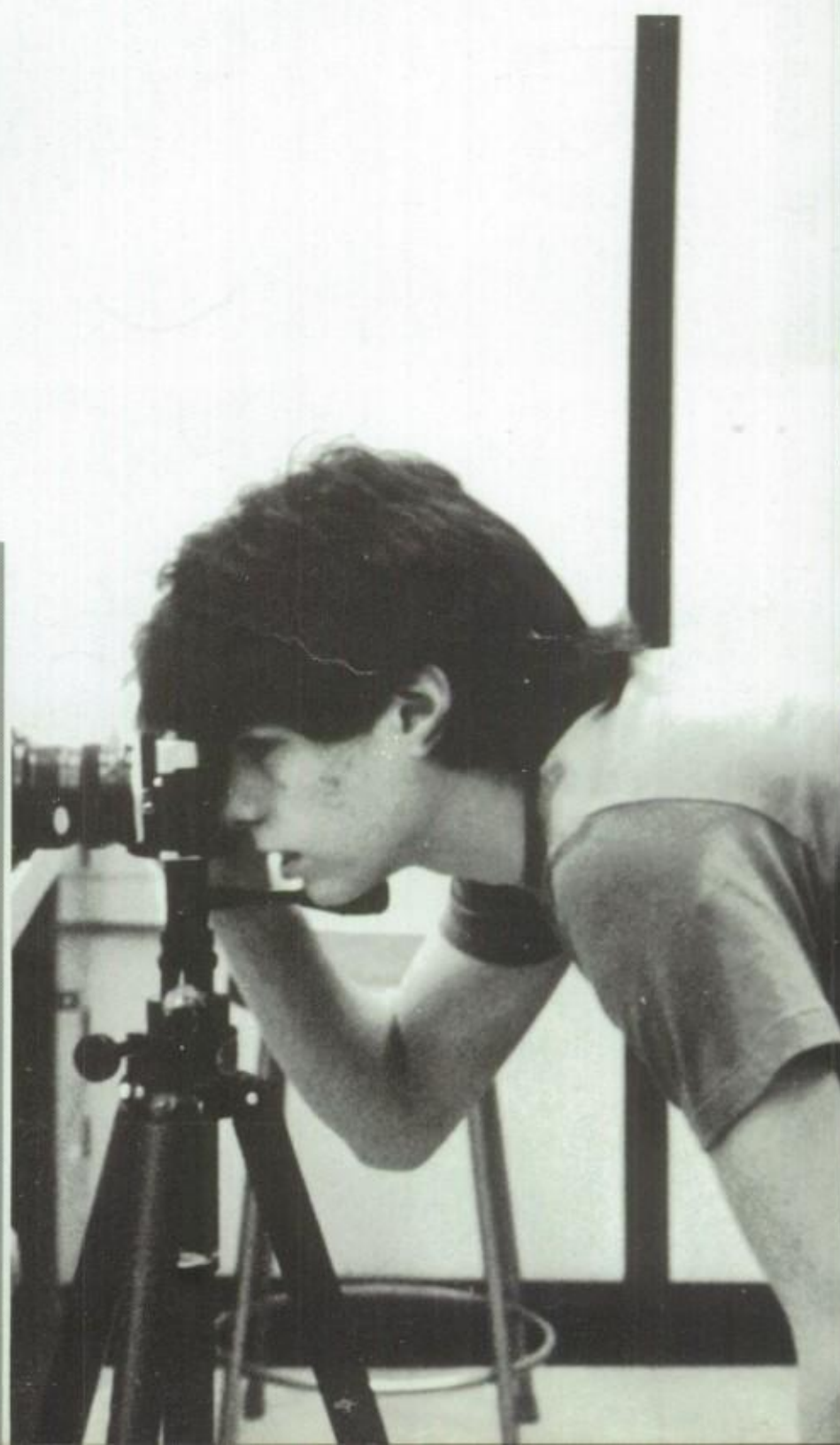
which taught students to work with their hands in a skilled working field, and was taught by **Jim Linza**. Cooperative Office Education was taught by **Donna Thompson**.

This program gave students an opportunity to receive training in their field of interest while still receiving an excellent education. *Written by Peggy Eales*



Jason Swing welcomes the next customer at People's.

Duane Martin learns the art of close-up photography in CHS's commercial photography class. Close to one hundred students leave OHS each day to take vocational classes at other centers.





Kelly Thorton and a classmate learn the correct way to paint fingernails, one of the many skills taught in cosmetology at Chantilly H.S.

Diane Abby prepares pastries for customers at the Marketplace Cafe.



Natalie Wilson looks almost as enticing as the food she's serving at Chi-Chi's.- Photo by Robert Dant

Home Economics Industrial Arts

One can't live on quarter pounders and fries alone. That's why one of Oakton's most popular electives is Gourmet foods. The Gourmets Foods classes offer students the actual opportunity to have hands on cooking experience. Along with the cooking goes a lot of useful information on

nutrition, meal planning and budget cooking. Having only fifty minutes in a class period often limits the involvement of some of the dishes but **Mrs. Sutton's** organization keeps the class challenging and competitive. "Our group made the most delicious souffle out of all the classes", claimed **Craig Payne** about his favorite dish.

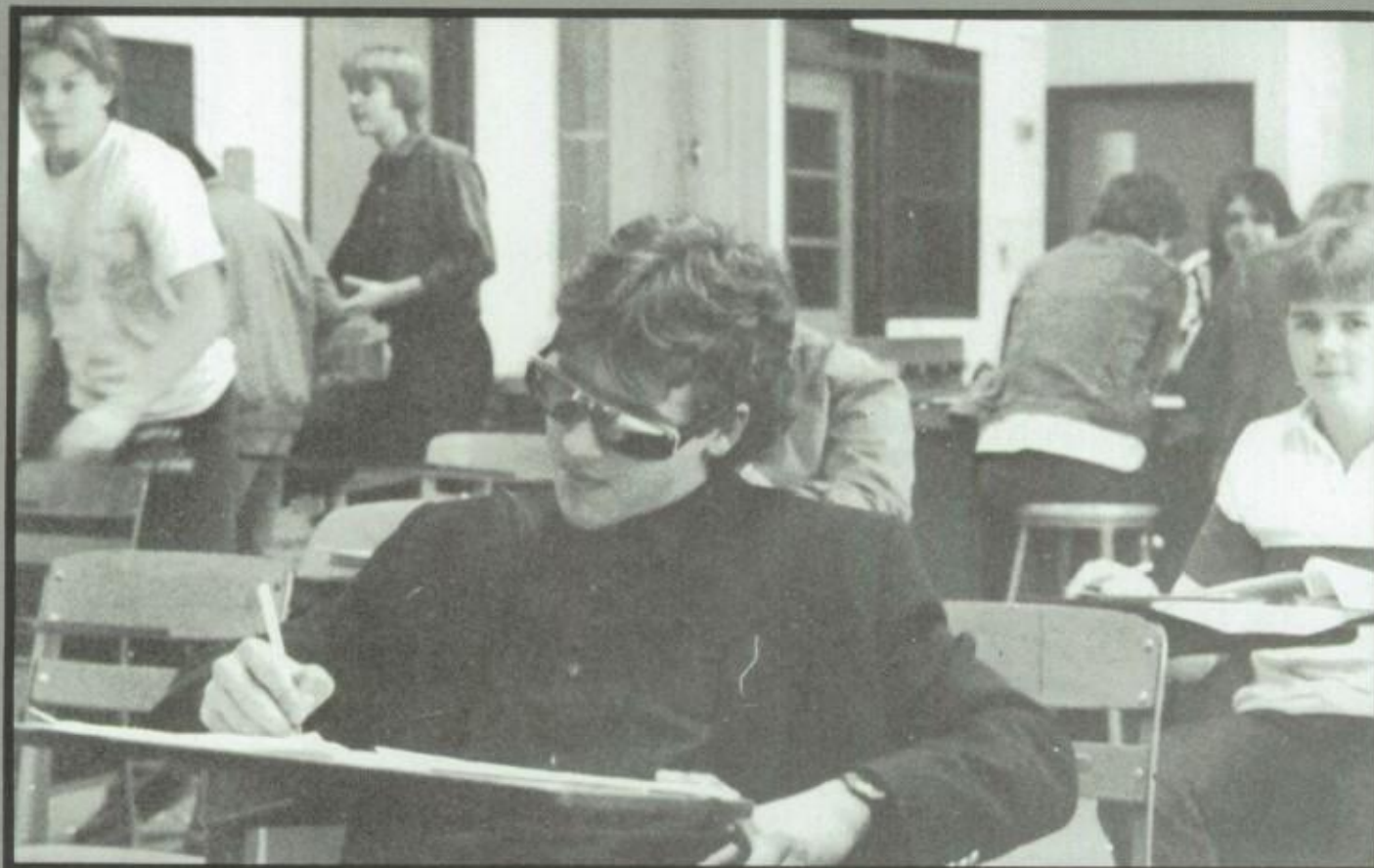
As part of the course students are required to

complete three projects which include a recipe file, food article reviews, and a complete home cooked meal. **Coach Herb** provided the classes with a special treat during the foreign food section. He took over the class and demonstrated his famous "Pizza Ala Herb".

The industrial arts program at Oakton has developed a way for students to take a break from the usual book work

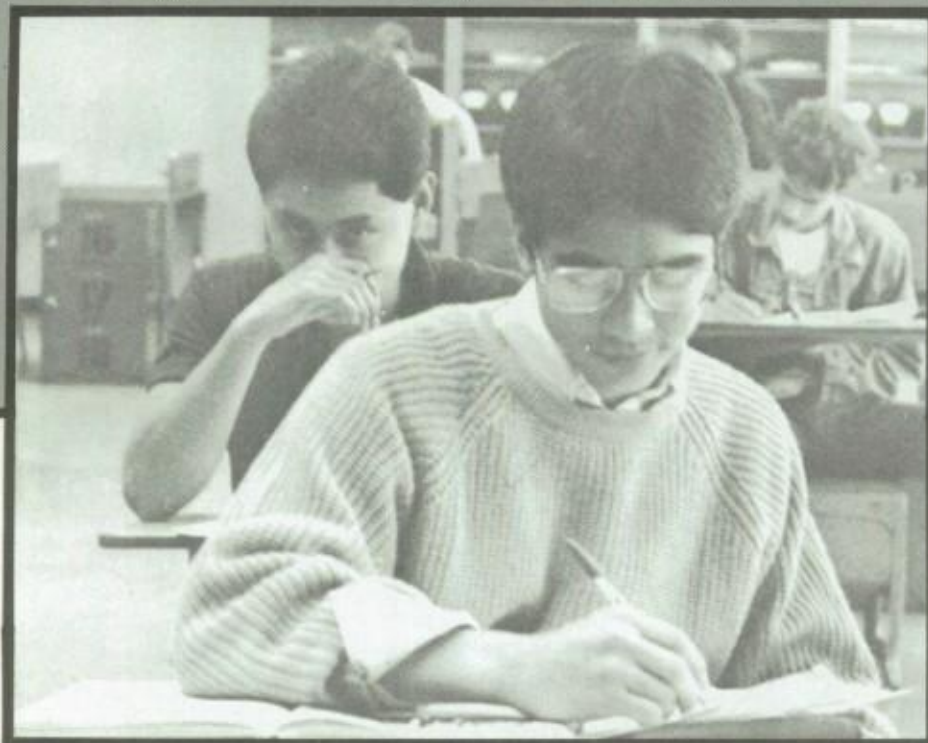
at High School and work in such areas as wood working, metals, and ceramics. For those students looking for a career in the industrial arts, OHS provides classes in electronics, mechanical and technical drawing. After completing the drawing classes a student has a strong foundation to build an architectural career.

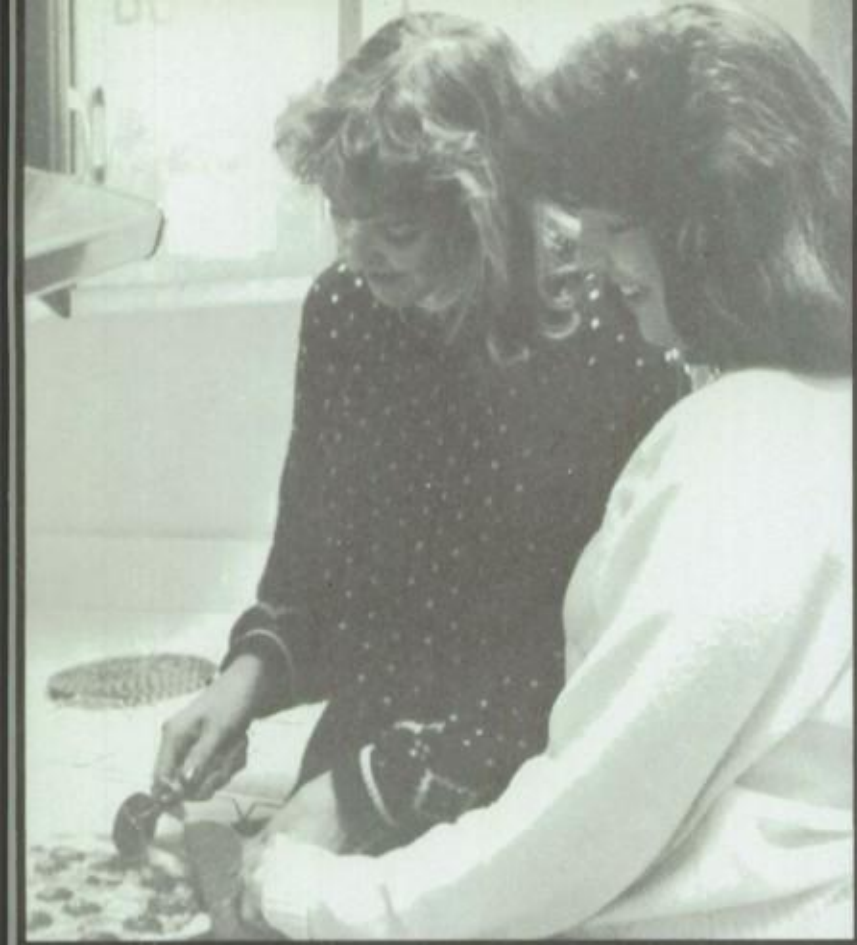
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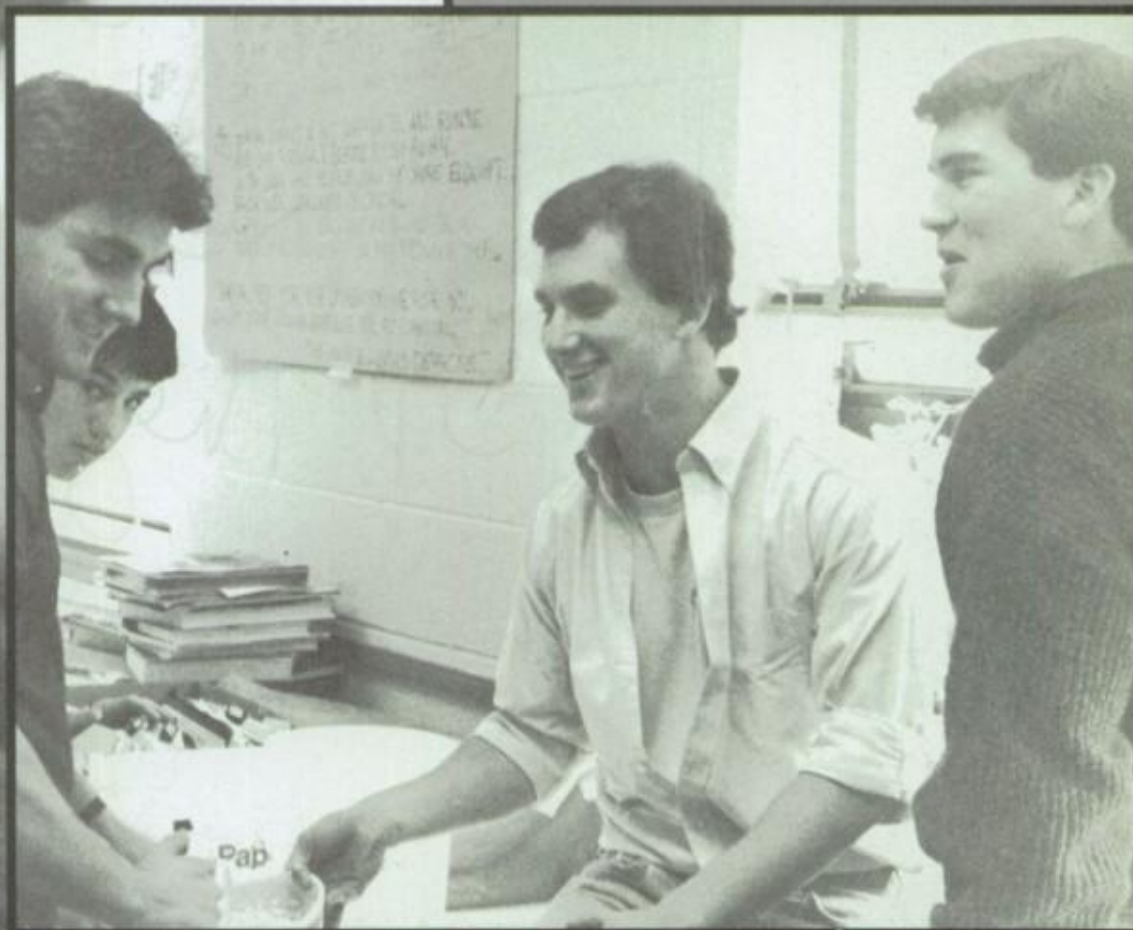
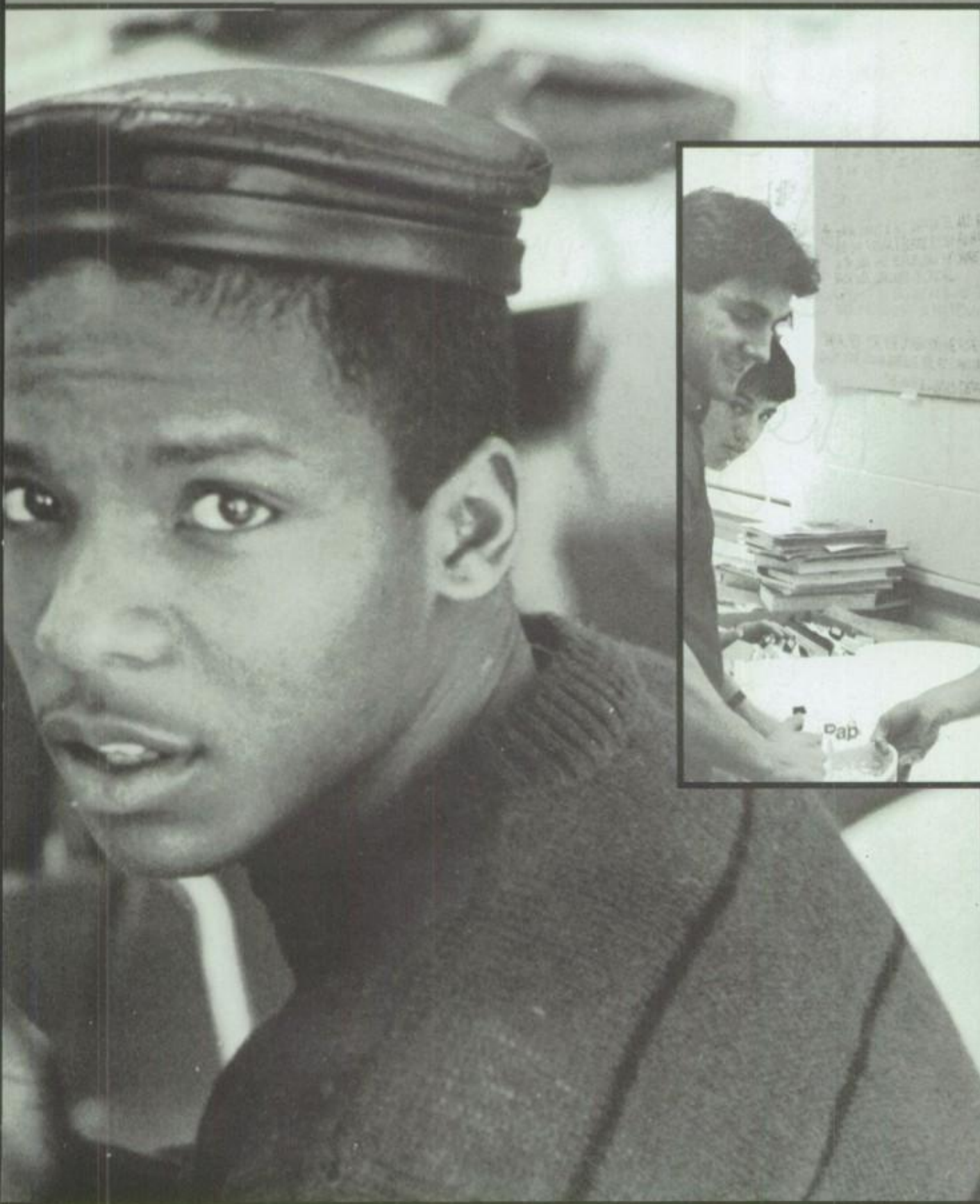
Studying his schematic, John DeMorrow decides whether he has a radio or a computer.
Photo by Jonathan Wichlacz

Finishing up the drafting of his electronic gizmo, Victor Kochuba prepares to build it from the ground up.





Real American food is perfected. Adding just about everything to their newest creation, Jennifer and Regina cut it to share.



Mixing their dough, Brian, Sebastian, Todd and Jeff discover cooking isn't as easy as it looked.

One of the first steps in making pizza is kneading the dough to an elastic state, as Moe Duckett demonstrates. *Photo By Jonathan Wichlacz.*

Entering the Future

"Computers are the new and upcoming American industry and business. They're the technology of the future." These are the responses you get when asking about computers, and it's what all those TV commercials are telling us. If you agree with this you were or probably will be one of the many students taking advantage of Oakton's Business department. Oakton has a wide variety of Business classes. Generally everyone's first step is to take Typing 1. The students memorize the keyboard and type

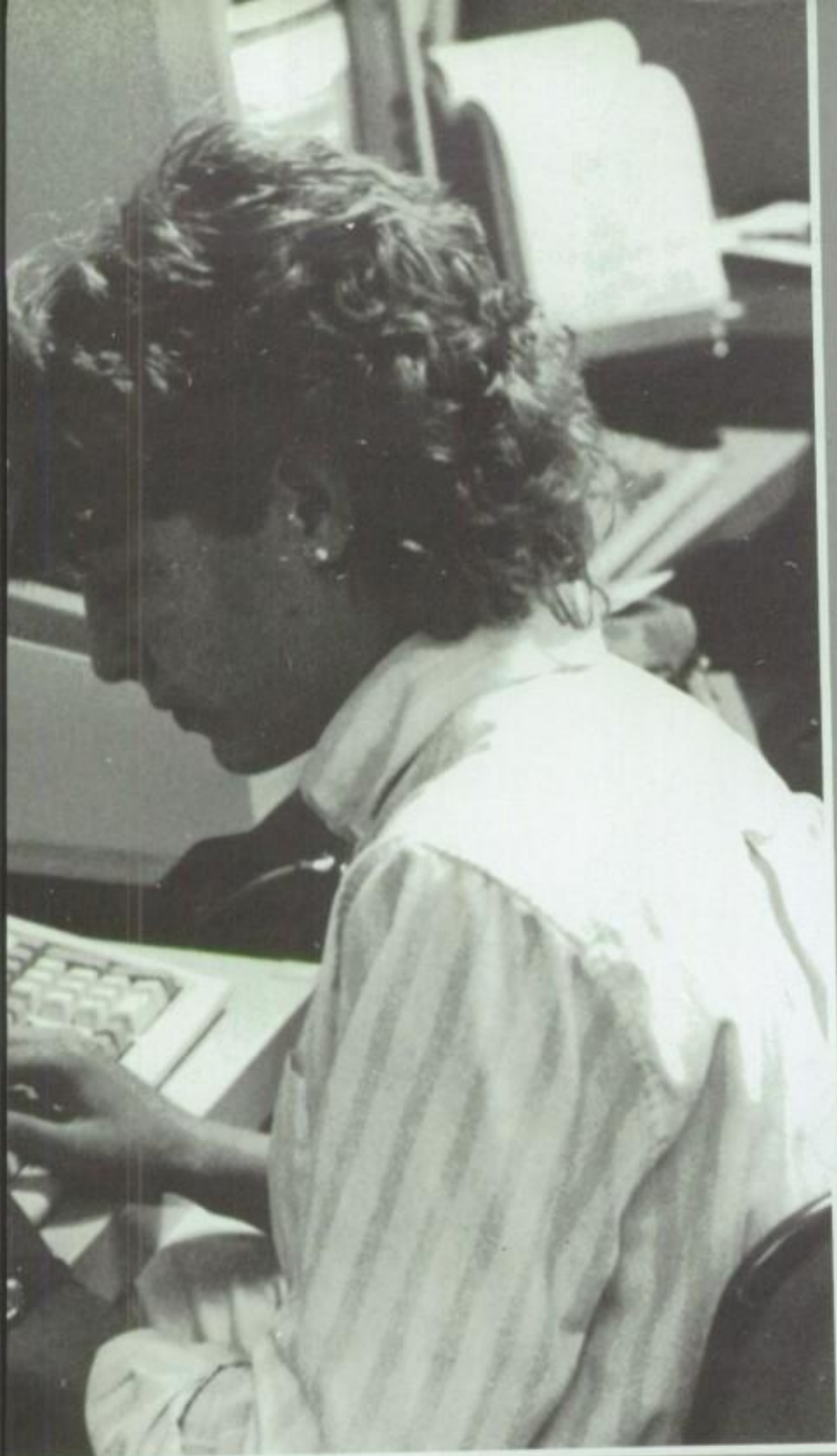
until the year ends. Once you've completed this hardship you might take an introduction to computers class or Business Data Processing. Oakton also offers Business law and management for those students who recognize a computer as a machine that never does what you want it to. Learning how to use a computer isn't just for math/science oriented students. Wordstar, a popular disk can help you write a term paper. **Mrs. Koditek**, one of Oakton's Computer Science teachers says "Everyone will have to use a computer once in their life so get a jump on things, learn it here at Oakton. It's a free opportunity." *Written by Pam Scharrer*



Some students are totally astonished when after hours of painstaking work, they find 70 errors in their programs.

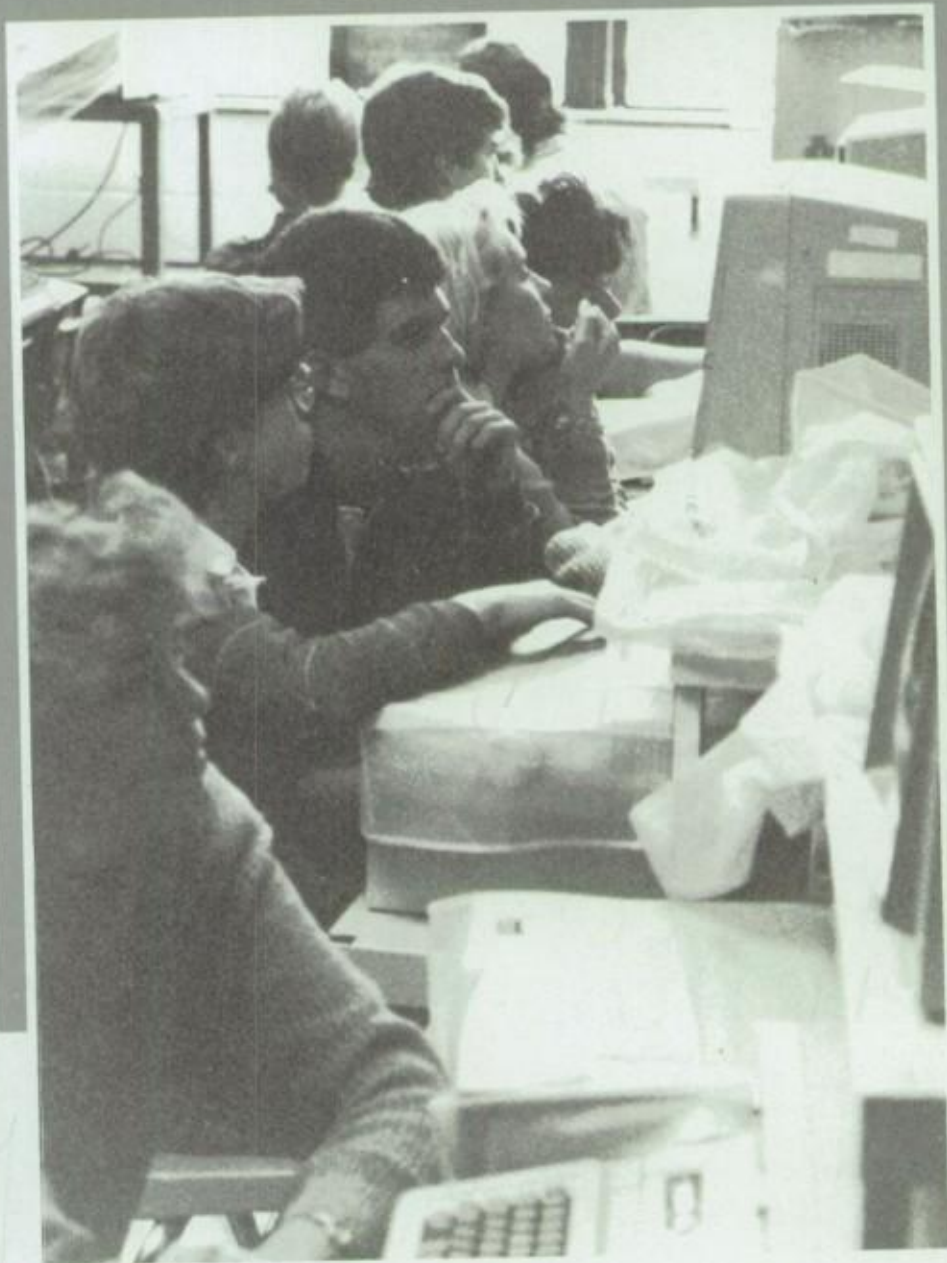
Tisa Gorzinski hopes that her science program will work.
Photos by Robert Dant





Christine Demarro types in the remainder of her program before having it checked for a grade. *Photo by Robert Dant*

Students learn to program in a number of languages in the computer room. *Photo by Rex Vaughn*

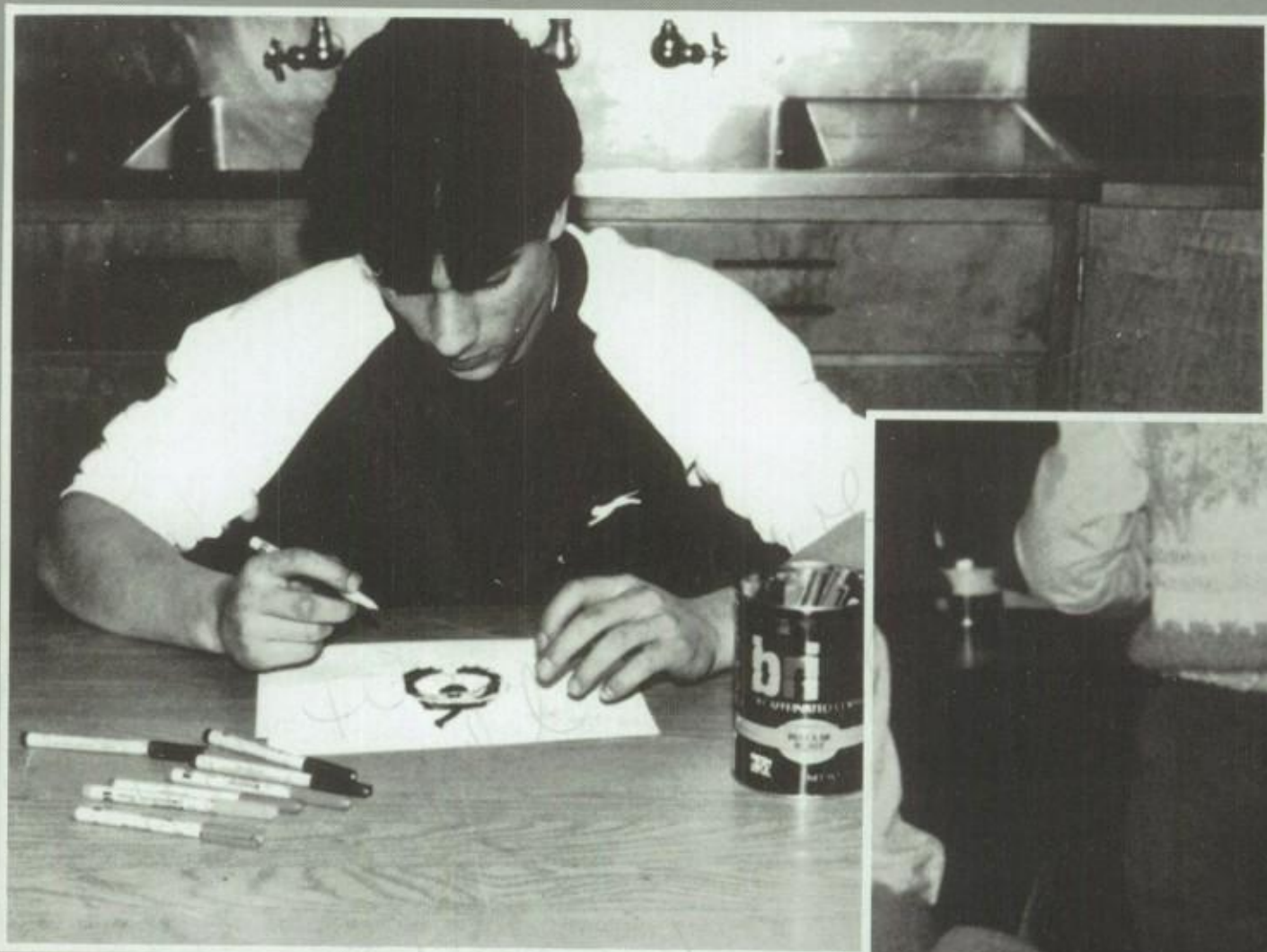


Judd Harper practices up on his typing skills. This has become an essential skill for all students and workers. *Photo by Robert Dant*



Art

Mrs. Jacobs teaches fine techniques using multi media. Andy lanuzzi takes his time to get his work of art just right to please Mrs. Jacobs and himself. -Photo by David Cho



Hugo Amelink and his classmates work together on their art projects. The sharing of ideas often broadens and improves the creative attempts. -Photo by Robert Dant

Andy Magerris gives a look of frustration as he works on his art.

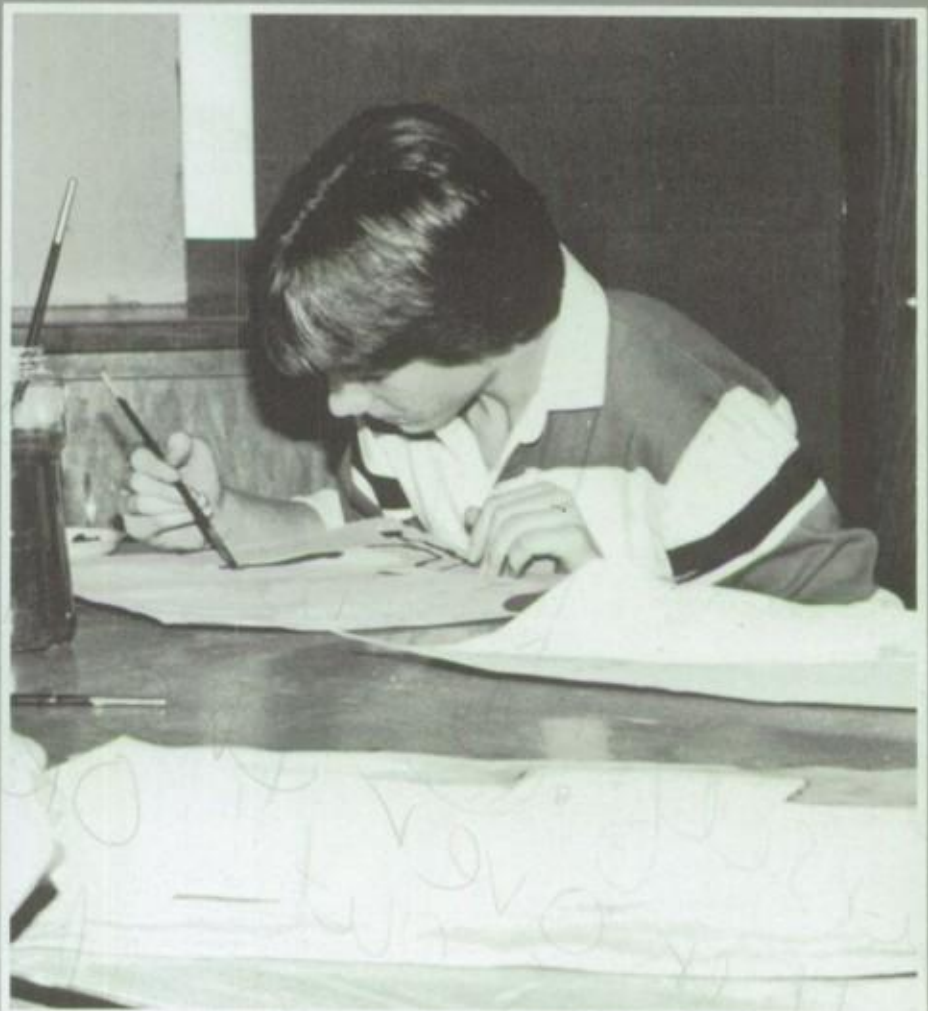


Studies in Creativity

Creativity . . . Talent . . . Uniqueness. These are just some of the ways you could describe the art students at Oakton. Some of the projects they worked on include animation, package design, printing and color still life, sculpting, calligraphy, silk screening and painting. Students learned new skills

all the way through Art 4. As Senior **Danny Fahs** said, "We get a chance to use a lot of different materials which we wouldn't be able to on our own, such as printing presses, pottery kilns, and expensive markers and pencils." The students have been unsuccessful so far in having an art gallery

set up in the art hall. **Mrs. Tichenor** was the new art teacher this year, and she says she enjoys art and likes the students at Oakton. Other classes include General and Commercial Arts, and some plans are being made for a new class next year: Art History. *Written by Steve Thrash*



Jim Hewitt closely observes his work while doing his best to perfect it.- *Photo by David Cho*

Susie Strong plays a cute little girl during a drama production.

The Oakton Band puts together some tunes during a concert.
-Photo by Rex Vaughn

Hilliary Root and Tiffany Babbitt in character during a production by the Drama department.- Photo by Rex Vaughn



Working Overtime

The choral, music, and drama classes have worked exceptionally hard and their efforts have paid off. The Oakton choral department directed by Mrs. Williams have performed not only at Oakton's many concerts but also at competitions and invitational performances. **Sarah**

Stover, Robin Sayers, Corey Hayden and Scott Farthings fared especially well in the district choral competition. This year's tours included the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC.

This year the band out

did themselves during football season performing an outstanding routine including a cop chasing routine. The band has received a superior rating at state competitions this year in recognition of their efforts. In the spring they went to Montreal, Canada. *Written by Tisa Gorzynski*



Sara Frenzea, one of the many talented members of music department, practices a piece for a concert. *Photo by Robert Dant*



After hours of ardgous practice Jennifer Shoemaker earned many awards for he musical accomplishments.

Brad Milianskas, Rob Stansberry, and Chip Haas gather around the piano to warm up before their performance.

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Krista Keiser releases some pent-up tension caused by all the writing required in her English class. Photos by Robert Dant

Mrs. Stansbery's class takes time to chat before a lecture but they know that when this lady speaks everyone listens. "We've heard stories about her slamming doors" one student said "I don't want to provoke that ... besides she's interesting." Photo by Shirley Mazin

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Students Learn English in Many Different Ways

English and Journalism at Oakton are two classes where the curriculum is based on developing writing skills. Instead of straight "English", many students took "English GTP", "Creative Communications," or "English 12 AP". These Gifted and Talented program, advanced placement, and elective English classes were examples of the many different chapters

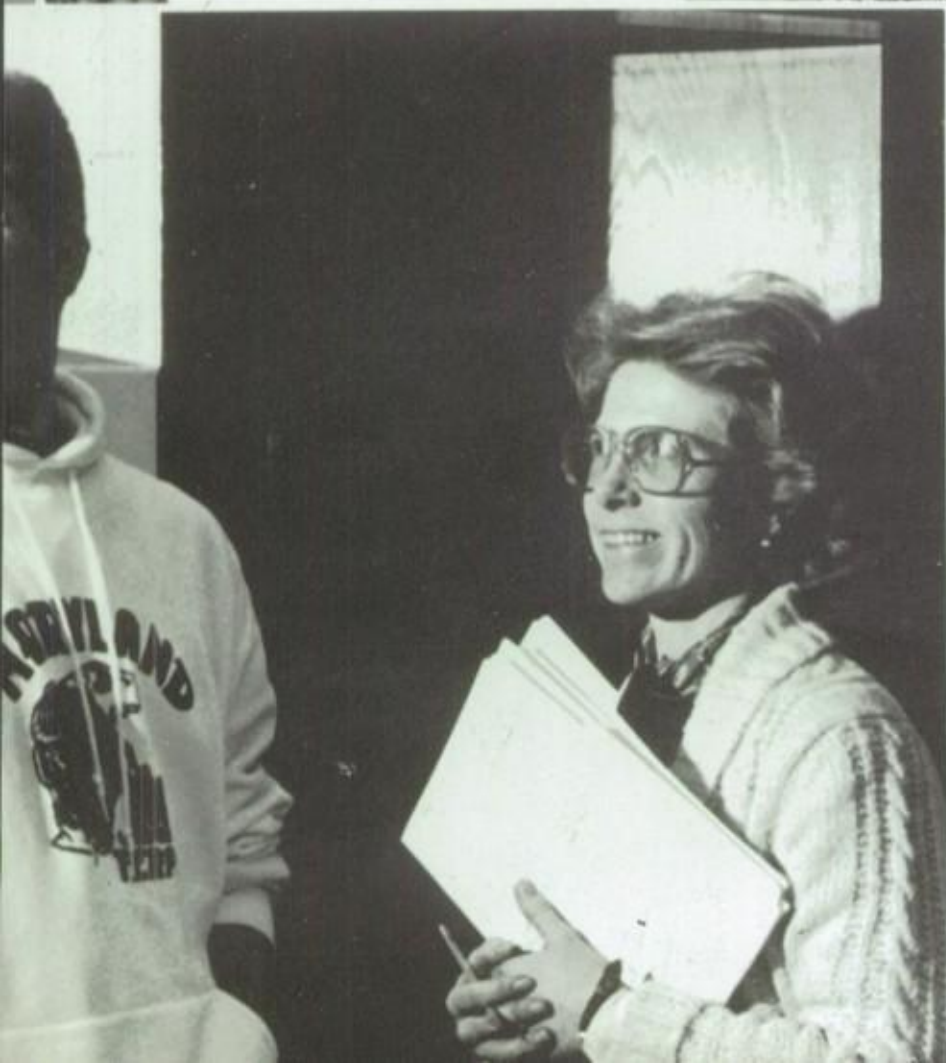
one may have read in the Oakton book of English. The traditional Principal's Writing Contest took place in 1987. Depending on a student's grade level, he had to create a character sketch, descriptive paragraph, or other type of paper to be judged first on a classroom level and then by the principal and a few advisors. After brainstorming, rough drafting, and proofreading, the finalist,

and two semi-finalists from each grade level were awarded with a medal, plaque, and a feeling of high esteem for winning such a prestigious school award. The Journalism classes are a unique part of Oakton. In Journalism 1, students develop writing skills with a journalistic view. In levels 2,3, and 4, students work on the school paper, the Outlook. Led by sponsor **Maureen**

Stansberry and chief editors **Diane Dinsmore** and **John Cook**, the paper is a fine accomplishment. Published about every month, the Outlook contains interesting articles, excellent photography and art work, and "all the news fit to print" about Oakton and issues affecting its students and faculty. *Written by Marie Theriault*



Tim Murphy is hopelessly lost in the depths of his assignment.



Scott Shipley and Ms. Conway have another little discussion about life.

Opening Ears to the Rest of the World

With visions of "cultural experiences" dancing in their heads, over half of the student body enrolled in a Foreign Language this year. Oakton offers four languages: German, Latin, French and Spanish.

The Foreign Language inaugurated three new courses in 1986-7. Mr. Sette taught Word Power, Madame Baci premiered with French II-GT and the Bruja with the corresponding Spanish II-GT. "I took third year Latin because I have invested quite a number of years and hours of time and I can see the importance of Latin words now, the roots and derivatives are still around," said Junior **Steve Varholy**

Frau Keener treated her students to a very special field trip, a trip to the White House for the arrival ceremony of West German Prime Minister Kohl. Resi Maddox and Paula Helesky joined the Bruja and students from Stuart High School for a Spring Break whirlwind tour of Spain.

One student, **Mike Hui**, came to America five years ago and has not only mastered English, but has successfully completed another year in Spanish. "It really isn't that difficult to learn a third language and Spanish came rather easy to me." *Written by the Bruja (Mrs. Walsh) with a little help from Beth Willis*



Betsy Robertson listens attentively in Spanish class. Those not able to learn a second language must elect four years of Social Studies.





A language can be tough but the teachers have added character. Even those not in Spanish know of Mrs. Walsh (the old Mrs. Walsh), better known as **la bruha**. Michell Peters wouldn't want *la bruha* to catch her writing in her Spanish book. Photo by Robert Dant



Jennifer Perusi finds other reading more interesting than her class book, but she'll get through it. Photo by Robert Dant



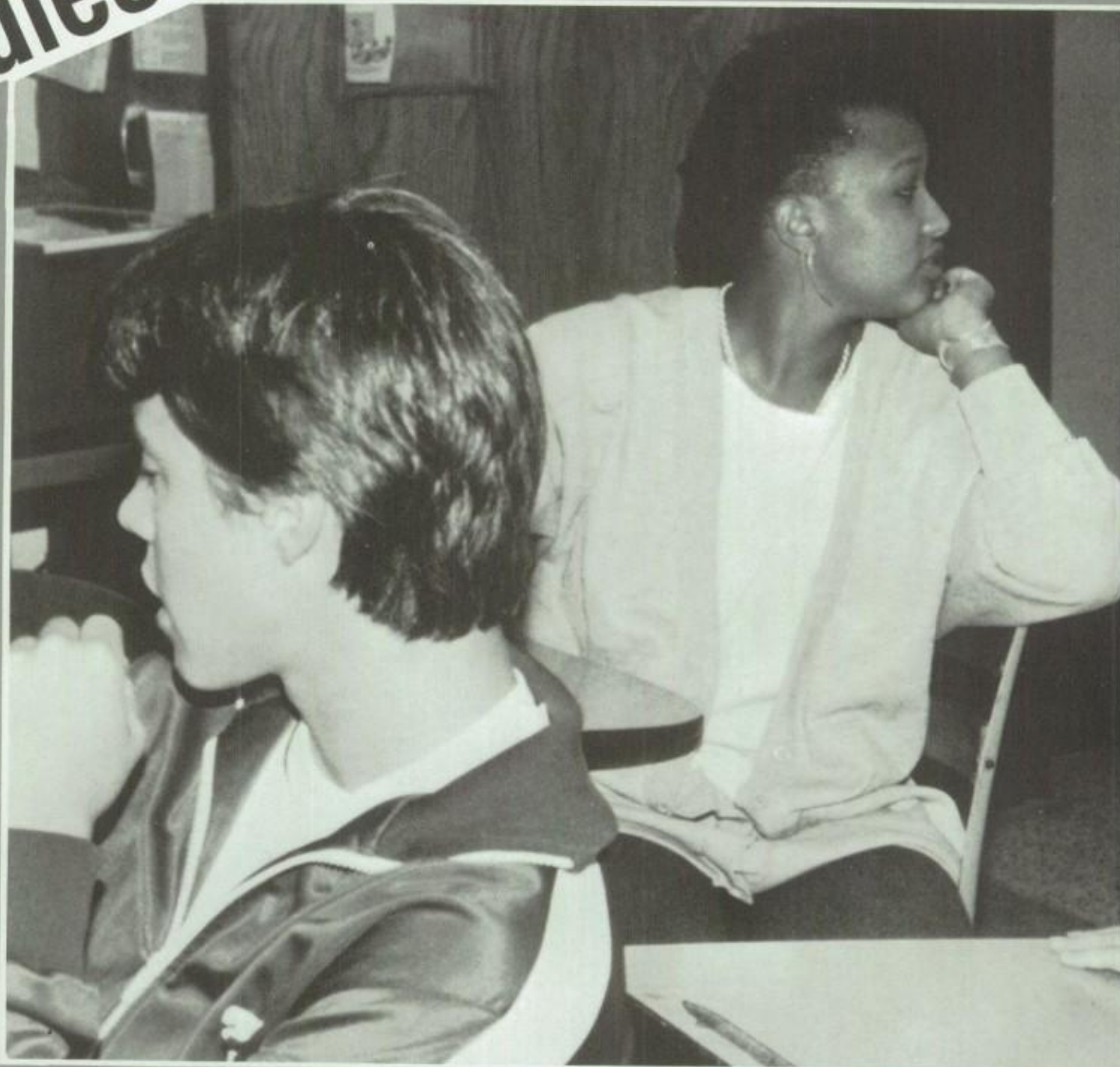
Scott Farthing enjoys his Spanish lecture while Tonia Clay is confused by it.

Jen Martini quickly finishes last night's homework. Photo by Robert Dant

Social Studies

Mark Sikora, Jackie Washington and Steph Cosky listen eagerly to the latest gossip before class officially begins. Photos by Robert Dant

Cathy Lewis helps Mica share notes just before a test.

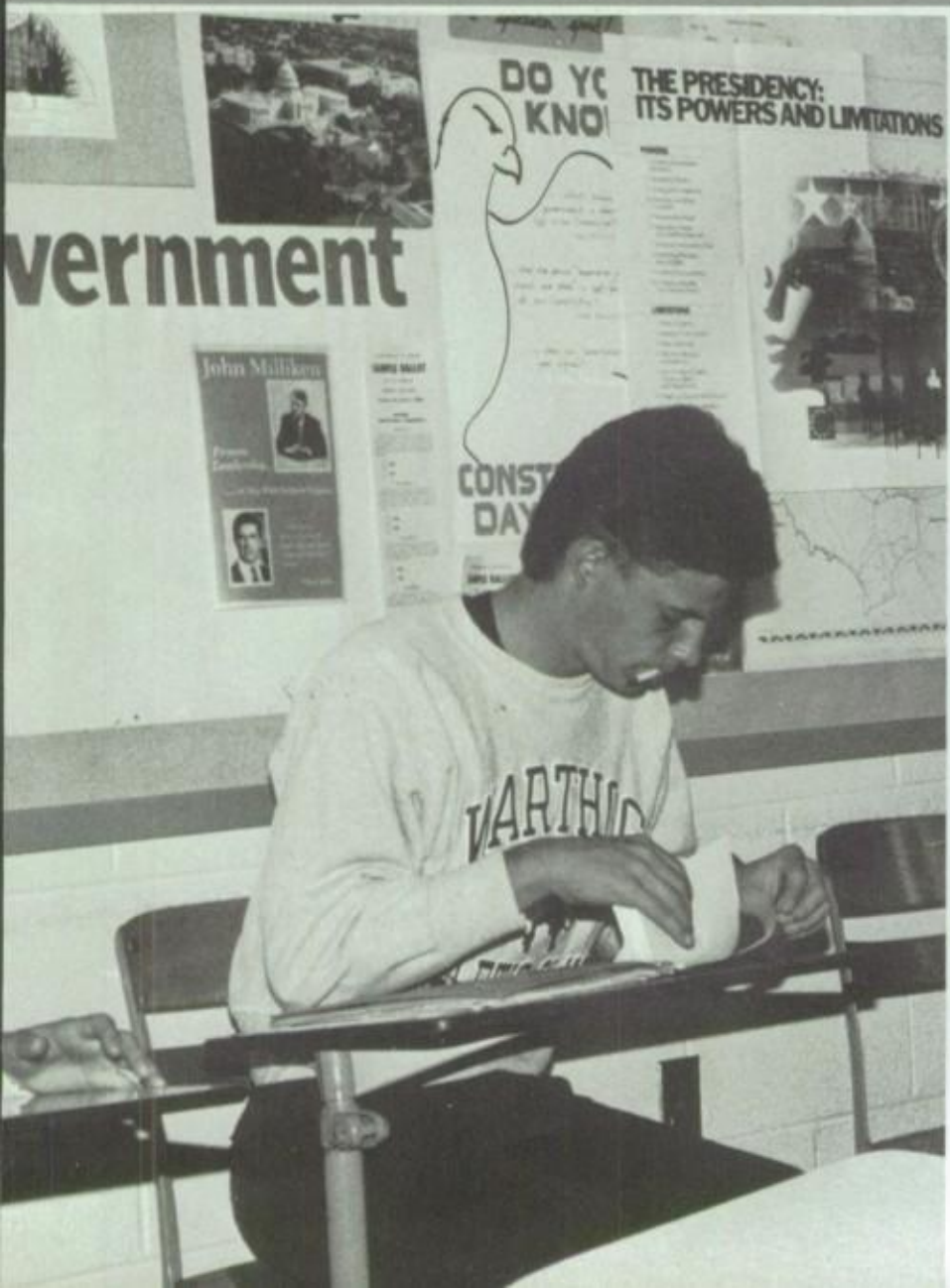




The Importance of Learning

What would happen if nobody knew where Germany, or Hawaii, or Canada were? Or how about if nobody had ever heard of the Constitution? Or if nobody knew who the President was? The government would crumble, society would fall apart, and nobody would be able to take a decent vacation anymore! Luckily, we have the Social Studies department at Oakton to make sure that this will never happen. Every student is required to take at least two credits of American Studies (history or government) and one credit of World Studies (geography or history). Also students may take Psychology and Sociology if they want to learn more about why people do what they do. Many government students are

required to do a certain amount of political contribution, such as through political campaigning or surveying or similar activities. The Washington Area is a great place for students to learn about their nation. It offers an opportunity to participate in the actual working of government, which is not found anywhere else in the U.S. The AP and GT classes also provide much more learning for the students through outside lecturers and class presentations as well as individual research papers. Over all, Social Studies is a vital part of a student's education and should not be thought of lightly; even if one can't figure out why he would want to know the capital of Czechoslovakia right now. *Written by Steve Thrash*

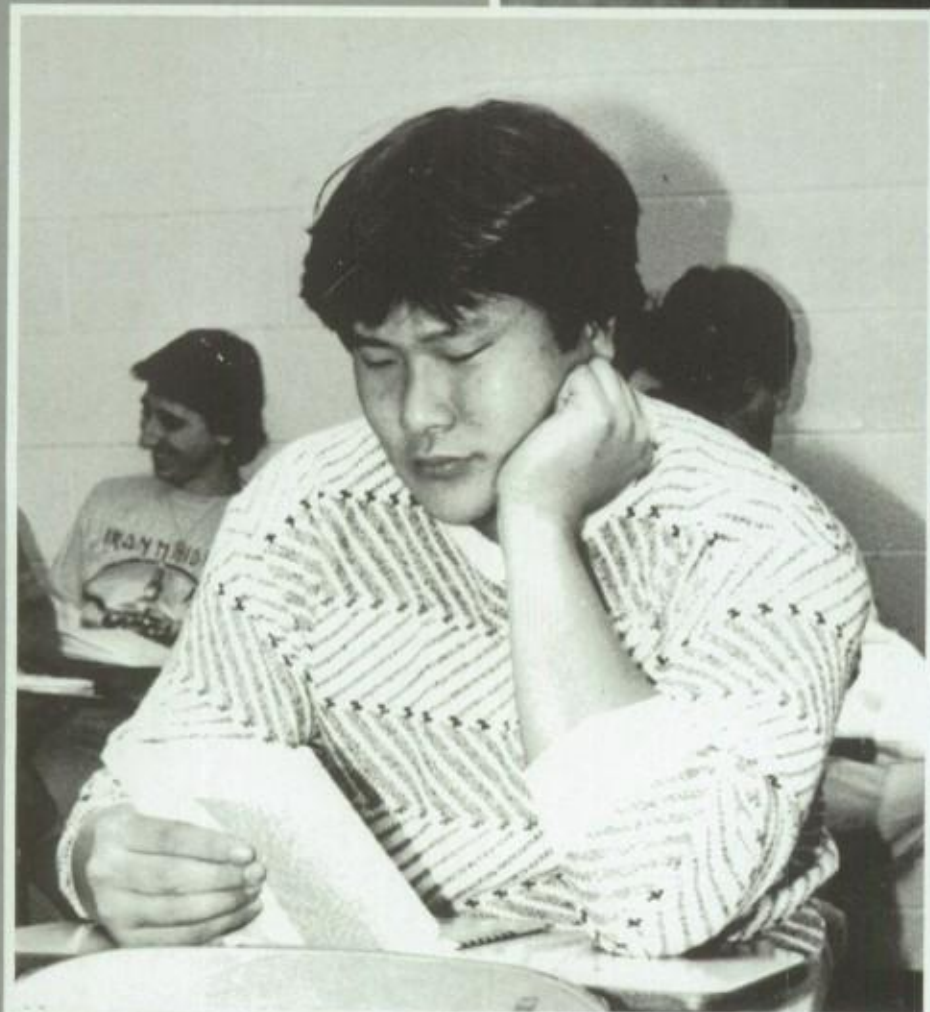


Brian Gallagher looks through his notes for the right answer.

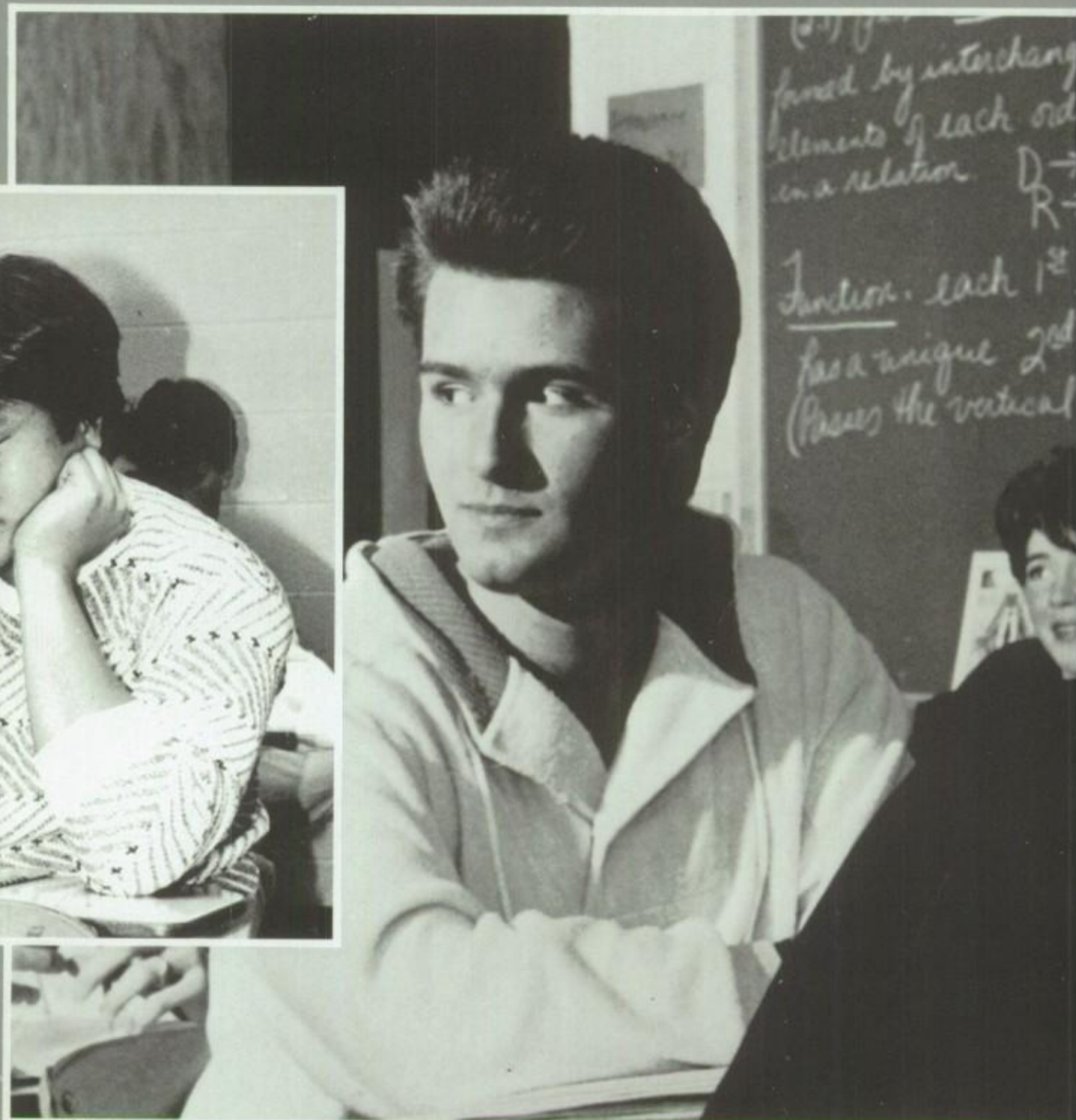


Whitney Hoyt wishes she were home after a day in Penn. Dutch Country. Mr. Wargo has made this an annual event for his sociology classes.

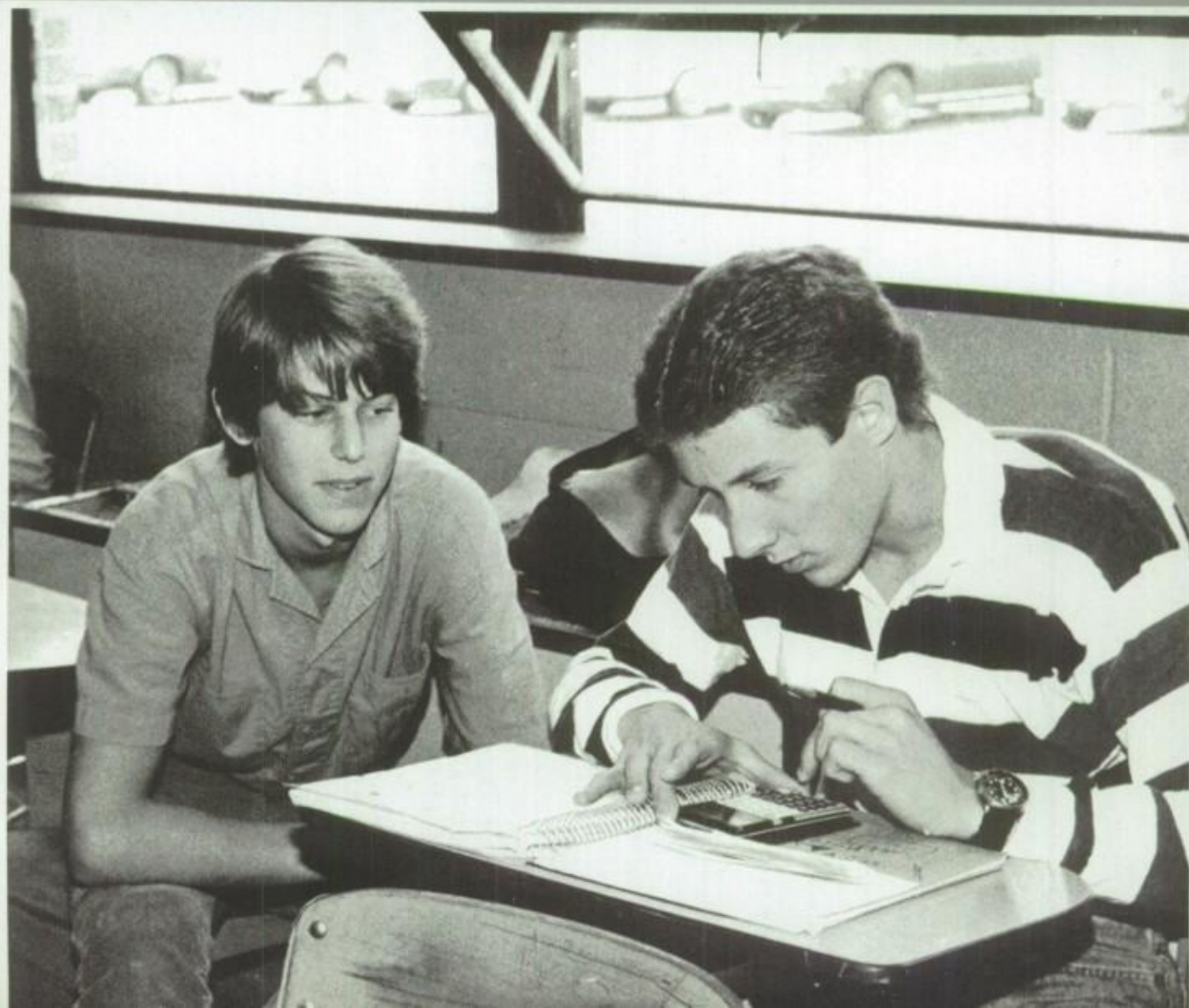
Scott Miller, David Alpern and Eric Vanriser check out a nice looking girl on the other side of the room.- Photo by Robert Dant



Eugen Chung has his Cliffnotes handy in case he comes across a difficult sentence.- Photo by Robert Dant



Jim watches eagerly as Scott Watson figures out a difficult trig problem. It is not unusual for students to help each other out. Some of the best learning comes from working with fellow students. Photo by Robert Dant



Ship, Been a hell of year in Accounting. I know you were had a good time laughing at my test & quiz scores. I'll see you at BEACH WEEK '87 and also this summer (OAS Alley) at parties. Keep lifting. Good luck in football and in college. Take it easy, Mike's friends

Mo. sucks! Penn St. W. Hany Lions!

Ship,

High school is over, and on to college! Acting is over w/ Miss Stepp. Good luck in FB where ever you play at (Hopefully MD.). I see you over the summer: at parties or fishing. And at BEACH WEEK!

Take it easy on the drinking and partying!

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Michelan man, I hope you passed Accounting. Party and have fun at college while we are still at Oaktown. See you at Beachweek while I'm getting some tans. Mike "On" thank

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